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NORTH SLOPE SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
February 23, 1994
9:00 a.m.
Dr. Albert Conference Room
UIC/NARL
Barrow, Alaska

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

~~F~~ENTON O. REXFORD, CHAIRMAN
~~E~~DWARD ITTA, VICE CHAIRMAN
~~H~~ARRY K. BROWER, JR., SECRETARY
~~J~~IM A. AVEOGANNA, SR.
~~G~~ORDON C. UPICKSON
~~T~~ERRY L. TAGAROOK
Barbara Armstrong, Coordinator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. REXFORD: Good morning, ladies and
gentlemen. Welcome to the North Slope Subsistence Regional
Advisory Council. We'll call the Regional Advisory Council
meeting to order at this time, 9:12. Our tentative agenda
shows we have a roll call, and, Harry, would you please call
roll?
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9 MR. H. BROWER: Fenton Rexford?
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11 MR. REXFORD: Here.
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13 MR. H. BROWER: Edward Itta?
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15 MR. ITTA: Here.
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17 MR. H. BROWER: Harry Brower? I'm here. Jim
Aveoganna?
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20 MR. AVEOGANNA: Here.
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22 MR. H. BROWER: Warren Matumeak? Gordon
Upickson?
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25 MR. UPICKSON: Here.
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27 MR. H. BROWER: Terry Tagarook?
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29 MR. TAGAROOK: Here.
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31 MR. H. BROWER: Zacharias Hugo? George
Amaogak? Mr. Chairman, there's been (Inupiaq).
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34 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Okay. Thank you, Harry.
We do have a quorum to proceed with business. At this time
I'll ask for a moment of silence to guide us through our
deliberations today and the rest of our meetings. Thank you.
(In Inupiaq)
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40 In front of us we have minutes under the tentative
agenda at this time. I'll ask the Board what -- we have the
transcripts and we also have the summary of our last meeting in
September. Harry, would you please read the summary, and we
can proceed from there?
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46 MR. H. BROWER: Okay. For your information,
Mr. Chairman, if I may, (in Inupiaq) the summary. (In Inupiaq)
And this is what we'll be using.
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1 "The Council met for orientation on September 20, 1993.

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3 "On September 21, 1993, the Council held its first
4 public meeting in the North Slope Borough Assembly Room. In
5 addition to the Council members, the Council's Liaison Officer,
6 other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff, National Park
7 Service staff, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Area
8 Biologist participated in the meeting.

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10 "The day and evening of the 21st was an open public
11 meeting and was transcribed by a court reporter. Copies of the
12 transcript of the minutes have been distributed to Council
13 members for their review.

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15 "The meeting began with the introduction of Council
16 members, and the election of Council officers. The members
17 present and the offices to which they were elected can be found
18 on page one of the minutes," and that's the court reporter's
19 transcript that I made copies and sent to each of the Council
20 members.

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22 "The Council then reviewed and introduced its Charter.
23 The Charter was adopted by a vote of the members, can be found
24 on page 16 of the transcript.

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26 For your information, I'll read the -- what's -- who's
27 elected to what seat: Fenton Rexford was voted chairman,
28 Edward Itta vice chairman, and Harry Brower secretary.

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30 "Then, stepping outside of the published agenda, the
31 Council had a lengthy discussion about the scheduling of the
32 next meeting -- Council meeting. It was moved and approved
33 that the next meeting be held in Kaktovik." That can be found
34 on page 26 of the minutes, or the transcript. "The next
35 meeting was tentatively set for February 8, 1994. Then a short
36 discussion on the accommodations available in Kaktovik.

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38 "Chairman Rexford called the meeting back to order at
39 9:25 p.m. and started out by opening the public comment period.
40 There were no public comments.

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42 "The next item on the agenda was identification of
43 regional issues. The issues raised focused on subsistence
44 regulations, Federal and State, and then on clarifying the
45 roles and responsibilities of the Regional Advisory Council."
46 This can also be found on pages 31 through 56 of the
47 transcript.

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"The members discussed how to propose a regulation concerning subsistence hunting on federal lands. A couple of motions were made to develop proposals. One concerned caribou, and another concerned the moose." The caribou proposal can be found on page 60, and the one concerning moose on page 74.

"A motion was approved to recess until 7:00 p.m., and reconvene at the City Chambers.

"The meeting reconvened at the City Chambers, and Chairman Rexford called the meeting back to order.

"There followed a brief discussion concerning proposed regulation changes in the definitions and classifications of furbearers, a new definition of a designated hunter, hunting harvest limits, modified methods and means, and restrictions associated with taking of wildlife by hunting and trapping." This can be found on page 76 in the transcript.

"The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

"The next meeting was scheduled to be held in Kaktovik, February 8, 1994." That was canceled due to not having a quorum there.

That's the minutes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you, Harry.

Fellow Council members, we also have full transcripts. I recommend to attach our summary to the transcript and approve both. My recommendation at this time.

MR. ITTA: I'll move to approve the minutes of September 20, 1993.

MR. REXFORD: We also had one on the 21st.

MR. ITTA: 20th?

MR. REXFORD: 21 and 20.

MR. ITTA: Okay.

MR. REXFORD: Okay. There's a motion on the floor to approve the minutes of our September 21 and 20.

MR. UPICKSON: I second Mr. Itta's motion to approve.

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1 MR. REXFORD: It's been seconded. Any further
2 discussion on the reading of the summarized minutes and also
3 the transcripts?

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5 MR. ITTA: I've just got one comment.

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7 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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9 MR. ITTA: When we were speaking in Inupiaq,
10 because our transcriber can't -- is not fluent in Inupiaq,
11 those discussions were not noted in the -- or noted, but not
12 given out in the transcripts. I realize we do have a tape
13 record, right?

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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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17 MR. ITTA: I just think one of us when Inupiaq
18 used -- and I think we should speak Inupiaq when we need to,
19 that one of us summarize the context of the discussion and any
20 action taken at the end. And I think that might be

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's what the Northwest
23 Arctic does,

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25 MR. ITTA: Yeah?

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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Walter
28 summarizes

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30 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: what they say in
33 Inupiaq and then

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35 MR. ITTA: See? Great minds think alike.

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37 MR. H. BROWER: Maybe Barbara could summarize
38 that.

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40 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We'll -- so noted.

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42 MR. ITTA: Okay. I just wanted to note that.

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44 MR. REXFORD: There are also services provided
45 here in Barrow, too, that can transcribe word for word

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. REXFORD: North Slope Borough Inupiak
History Language Commission do have personnel available to
translate those (indiscernible, coughing),

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. REXFORD: if anyone wishes to find
out what was said word-for-word, so -- but

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's another

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MR. REXFORD: we'll try and summarize.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. That's another thing
that you guys have the option to do. If you guys do want the
transcript -- a transcriber here in Inupiaq and do a
translations, we can set up somebody to do that

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: for you here at the
meeting.

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And when you guys do talk
Esquimo, you guys didn't do any motions or do any business.
That's what they were asking about when we went to

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: and then all the
motions you

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: guys did were in
English, and then

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MR. ITTA: We'll correct that.

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MR. REXFORD: Any further discussion on the
minutes?

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MR. ITTA: Call for question.

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MR. REXFORD: The question's called. All those

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in favor of approving the minutes of September 20 and 21, 1993,
do so by saying "aye"?

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3 ALL: Aye.

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5 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Thank
6 you.

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8 Okay. Our next item is number five, reviewing agenda
9 and/or approval. I do have some opinion and ideas of what's
10 before us here. I would recommend that we table the -- all of
11 item number six, A, one through four. Under new business, I
12 recommend that we table seven A, seven C, and seven D. And I
13 would recommend inserting seven F, Customary and Traditional
14 Issues.

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16 MR. UPICKSON: What's the rationale behind your
17 recommendations, Mr. Chairman? (In Inupiaq).

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19 MR. REXFORD: Oh, I -- yeah. (In Inupiaq)

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21 MR. UPICKSON: Okay.

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23 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq) In summary, Gordon,
24 we'll probably move into executive session to discuss the
25 tabling of six -- item number six and several items under
26 seven. We do have some -- these issues are heavily -- what
27 should I say? We need to talk them over between ourselves here
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30 MR. UPICKSON: I agree.

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32 MR. REXFORD: to set our mission as the
33 Regional Council

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35 MR. UPICKSON: Okay.

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37 MR. REXFORD: for our region.

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39 MR. UPICKSON: Thank you.

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41 MR. ITTA: I'd move to approve the
42 recommendations of Chairman on deleting six in its entirety and
43 deleting under seven A, C, and D, and including customary and
44 additional issues as an agenda items. And I so move.

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46 MR. H. BROWER: Second the motion.

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48 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Any discussion on the

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need to talk about, and also send a letter or a motion to Secretary Babbitt. We will have some vacancies in the very near future.

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We do have a letter of resignation, a copy from Mayor George Ahmaogak. We know that he was one of the members selected to be on the Regional Advisory Council. So for the record, we have received -- what is the wish of the Board? We also have -- whose terms are up this -- well, Margaret -- I mean, Barbara.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You have your blue sheets that are in your piles right there, in your paperwork, your blue sheets? You have three seats open.

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MR. REXFORD: That are expiring in '94. Vacant that one left by Mayor George Ahmaogak, Senior, Seat E. The other terms that are up this year are seat G, Edward Itta, Warren Matumeak from Barrow. Both from Barrow. And Seat I is Zacharias Hugo from Anaktuvuk Pass. I

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1 MR. H. BROWER: Mr. Chairman?

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3 MR. REXFORD: Harry?

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5 MR. H. BROWER: Before we get any further on
6his, I've -- for your information, I've sent out some letters
7of -- or copies of the letters of interest to several villages
8on the Slope, to, let's see, Atqasak, Point Hope, and, let's
9see, there's three of them that I sent to -- I've got them
10written down here some place. Anyway, they were the three
11villages that didn't have any representation, and then I sent
12those letters to the city clerks in each of the communities for
13their information, to pass on to their city council members for
14them to review.

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16 MR. REXFORD: Okay. I know for a fact that we
17did send correspondence to Point Hope, according to the letter
18written here by our Mayor George Ahmaogak has recommended to
19Mr. Pospahala his wishes and hopes that other villages such as
20Point Hope would have representation on the Council. And he
21encouraged to seek a nomination of potential members by the
22Point Hope City Council, so with that I would also send forth
23our hopes and wishes to Pospahala and also to Secretary Babbitt
24that Point Hope should be involved in this Council since it is
25the second largest village within our region. I'm sure that
26other members here wouldn't have an objection to that
27commendation.

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29 And we also have three others, Itta, Matumeak, and Hugo
30that's going to be -- their terms will be up. I would
31encourage Edward Itta to remain a candidate, and hopefully
32he'll fill

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34 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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36 MR. REXFORD: this proposal -- I mean,
37his expression of (in Inupiaq).

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39 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
40accept Mr. Ahmaogak's letter of resignation with regret. We
41wish he could have stayed on the Council, but I move that we
42accept his letter of resignation so we can go on and encourage
43the other communities without representation to apply. I move
44that we accept Mr. Ahmaogak's letter of resignation.

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46 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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48 MR. TAGAROOK: Second that.

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1 MR. REXFORD: Thank you gentlemen. Any further
2 discussion on

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4 MR. ITTA: I would call for the question.

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6 MR. REXFORD: The question's called. All

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8 MR. AVEOGANNA: Mr. Chairman?

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10 MR. REXFORD: Jim?

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12 MR. AVEOGANNA: That letter you're talking
13 about is the resignation by Mayor Ahmaogak, since he elected
14 for the mayor. I got the copy of that, and no information or
15 response from Kaktovik -- I mean, Point Hope. I haven't seen
16 that letter in response, what Point Hope had to say. What --
17 you know, they were left out for appointing the -- from the
18 city council from each village, who they would recommend.

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20 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.

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22 MR. AVEOGANNA: And that's something that I
23 need to have a -- I require a copy of also for the record.

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25 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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27 MR. AVEOGANNA: Since we don't have no
28 alternates or anything like that I don't think.

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30 MR. H. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

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32 MR. REXFORD: Harry?

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34 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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36 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq) either to our
39 Council or to the Federal Subsistence Board. (In Inupiaq)

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41 MR. AVEOGANNA: But as the local (ph), that we
42 usually have a record of it also for what's -- what is changed
43 what would be anything like that, so that's why we require
44 the Council need to understand about something on the
45 records, when they send the names of whatever, whoever decide
46 appoint them. That's when they're elected.

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48 MR. REXFORD: Okay. So noted, Mr. Aveoganna.

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1 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chairman?

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3 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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5 MR. ITTA: My colleague had a good question.
6 What dates are our expira- -- do our terms expire, in October?
7 Were we appointed in October or

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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Your terms

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11 MR. ITTA: is it annually?

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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: expire in August.

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15 MR. ITTA: In August.

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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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19 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: August 1994.

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23 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh.

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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And your applications must
26 be postmarked by April 1st.

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28 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Now, Mr. Itta, if you want
31 to reapply back for your position back, you have to fill out
32 this application again and send it in, and if the Council are
33 saying right now that they want to endorse you back, they can
34 put it in a motion and put it in their minutes that

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36 MR. ITTA: Do I get a raise?

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's not up to me to say.

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42 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chairman, (in Inupiaq) on that
43 term, and the other one, do we need -- do we need -- the
44 designations were made by the prior -- for villages up here,
45 right, Barbara? Is there any reason -- I mean, I know we
46 talked about it, why Point Hope wasn't represented. I'd like
47 to talk about that just a little bit, and see what we need to
48 to make sure that we give Point Hope representation on here.

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The way you can do it is,
 2 the way I see it that you can do it, is anybody can apply for
 3 these positions. Anybody can apply, and then these
 4 applications will come by through these -- through your Council
 5 again.

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 7 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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 9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then you guys can like
 10 select who you guys want from each village. You guys will get
 11 to see all these applications, and you guys will know who these
 12 people are since you guys are a council now. And you guys get
 13 to endorse and recommend who you guys want for these positions
 14 that are vacant.

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 16 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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 18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So you guys will get first
 19 looks on who the people are, since you guys know the people in
 20 the North Slope area.

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 22 MR. ITTA: Yeah. Okay.

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 24 MR. REXFORD: Jim.

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 26 MR. AVEOGANNA: This is real important for me
 27 anyway for those -- anything that comes up or organized (ph)
 28 for this Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, and would you
 29 do you have a copy of letter, content, the former Fish and
 30 Wildlife Management Committee of North Slope Borough, and that
 31 Point Hope was not included in our district to start out with,
 32 Fish and Wildlife Management Committee of North Slope
 33 Borough asked to include them, to get them onto our area. So
 34 this is something I have got a question for. I guess
 35 Mr. Brower can explain that for the record? (In Inupiaq)

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 37 MR. H. BROWER: Federal -- Mr. Chairman?

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 39 MR. REXFORD: Harry?

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 41 MR. H. BROWER: Federal regulations (in
 42 Inupiaq) under State

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 44 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh. I know. I understand
 45 that.

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 47 MR. H. BROWER: State regulations. Under
 48 Federal management, and the boundary has been changed to

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include Point Hope.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.

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MR. ITTA: To include Point Hope?

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MR. H. BROWER: Yeah.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's North Slope.

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MR. H. BROWER: It's already been addressed.

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MR. ITTA: For 23, our game management unit?

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MR. H. BROWER: Yeah. We wanted Point Hope
included with the North Slope.

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MR. ITTA: So it's included in the

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MR. H. BROWER: In the Federal regs.

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MR. ITTA: Okay.

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MR. H. BROWER: Boundary changes (in Inupiaq).

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. ITTA: So is it then written formally
somewhere that Point Hope is to be included with the North
Slope Regional Council? Are they represented from the
Northwest?

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, they're represented with
with the federal -- with federal regulations, they are
represented with North Slope.

MR. REXFORD: Region 10.

MR. ITTA: With North Slope.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

MR. ITTA: Okay.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

MR. ITTA: That answers my question.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then there's been some

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proposals that were close on the boundary with North -- with Northwest Arctic. They tabled that just to support you guys, to see what you guys say. They didn't want -- the Northwest Arctic didn't want to say

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5 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh.

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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: anything about their hunting area, so they were leaving it up to you.

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10 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh. Okay.

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So that will be discussed when you guys come back to the proposals, and Mike will discuss that with you later.

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16 MR. AVEOGANNA: A question to -- Mr. Chairman?

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18 MR. REXFORD: Jim?

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20 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq) What power they have?

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23 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)

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25 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq) as part of -- in our region?

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: In -- with the Council, you mean?

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31 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, yeah, that's when -- that's why this recruitment is open.

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36 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh. Okay.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That every village will get these papers, and if you guys want anyone to sign up for these

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42 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: positions that are open right now, you ask them to fill this out and send it -- send it in. And then you guys will be the first ones to look at those. (In Inupiaq)

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Right.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)

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4 MR. AVEOGANNA: Right. Yeah. That's good.
5 (In Inupiaq) Like for my village, Wainwright, our village,
6 because we don't have -- we just only had a local council,
7 that's all we have. (In Inupiaq) have IRA (in Inupiaq).
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9 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman?

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11 MR. REXFORD: Terry?

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13 MR. TAGAROOK: Did we approve George's
14 resignation yet?

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16 MR. REXFORD: No, we're still on that motion,
17 Terry.
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19 MR. UPICKSON: The questions were called for by
20 Mr. Itta.

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22 MR. REXFORD: The question's -- the question is
23 called. All those in favor of the approval of the resignation
24 of Mayor George Ahmaogak, do so by saying "aye"?
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26 ALL: Aye.

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28 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed? (In Inupiaq)
29 Thank you, Gordon.
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31 I, again, before we leave seven B, I need to send some
32 sort of notice through Pospahala to Babbitt, Ahmaogak's
33 commendation. And I am in favor of getting a representative
34 from the second largest village in our region on this Council,
35 encourage those that make the selection to include Point
36 Hope to be represented on our regional council.
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if you
39 want, as your coordinator, I can write to the Council at Point
40 Hope, and see if I can get on the agenda with their Council
41 meeting, and go and speak with them, because I can do that for
42 you.
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44 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And see if -- how many
47 application, even when I'm there, then I can help with the
48 recruitment to see how many and who they would want to sign up
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for this position.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: If you guys are

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MR. REXFORD: Good to know. All right.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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MR. TAGAROOK: Maybe that's the only way

they'll get someone to get on the Board.

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MR. REXFORD: Say again, Terry?

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Mike?

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MR. TAGAROOK: Unless we have somebody

MR. UPICKSON: I think you should give them

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notice to the fact that she would like to attend the --
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MR. ITTA: The City Council.

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MR. UPICKSON: the next City Council
 meeting, or give them enough time so that the Council can make
 a recommendation to her. I concur with the recommendation with
 that clarification that Point Hope City Council be warned that
 if she could make it down there, that recommendation and
 someone get on the Council.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. All right. Adequate
 notice, I think, and

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. REXFORD: I see no objection to that
 session there, Barbara.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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MR. REXFORD: Harry will also be talking with
 them, too, as well, and I will try to talk to them.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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MR. REXFORD: Harry?

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MR. H. BROWER: For the record, again we've --
 you know, through our department we've sent letters to the city
 mayor in Point Hope, David Stone, and trying to get response
 from him. We've had -- we haven't had any luck in getting any
 response. I don't know what's keeping them from getting in a
 person in the Council,

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MR. H. BROWER: so it might be a good
 idea is what Barbara's recommended there to do, you know.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. No objection to Barbara's
 session to Point Hope to seek a representative on -- from Point
 Hope. Any further discussion on seven B, Recruitment?

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Yes.

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MR. REXFORD: Jim?

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MR. AVEOGANNA: When I start getting -- if I get out of order, just tell me off. Okay. I understand that the terms are up on some of our members just now, right?

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MR. ITTA: In August.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: In August? That's something that we weren't informed, for me anyway, that there's some starting out with two-years term and all that. That's something that is short something to start really for organizing and all that, so, you know, like some of us, they just get on and off they go. We're not going to go anywhere, we better have a full -- some time -- have time enough to what our villages have to say through their representative. (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah. They're going to start staggering. They're going to start -- seats that are up this year are going to have a three-year term.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: I guess we have like Edward, myself, and some others,

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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MR. H. BROWER: Are a three-year

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MR. AVEOGANNA: we're up in two years term.

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MR. H. BROWER: term or one-year?

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MR. REXFORD: Three years terms.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: They're all going to be three-year terms? Is that right? They're rotating right now do fit into a three-year term? So

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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1 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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3 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.

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5 MR. REXFORD: Three year. Each -- every three
6 or four seats will have three-year terms, so those that are
7 expiring will be a three-year term is my understanding on
8 these.

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10 MR. AVEOGANNA: Yeah, that's something that
11 hinge (ph) in that we contact with the local people like that,
12 so a person knows and all that. They need to know about, see
13 what's going on instead of, you know, (in Inupiaq), they try to
14 get rid of them. That part, just like just (in Inupiaq)
15 something like that. I think we all knew that, even though I
16 know it, and what (in Inupiaq). Unless they got some comment
17 from the -- right from the village people, you know.

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19 MR. REXFORD: Make them aware that this will be
20 a three-year term, and find someone willing to serve all those
21 three years from the communities that are expiring this year is
22 what Jim is saying.

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24 MR. AVEOGANNA: Edward, (in Inupiaq). You had
25 two years or one year?

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27 MR. ITTA: One.

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29 MR. AVEOGANNA: One? Okay. I overlooked that.

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31 MR. ITTA: Yeah. I had one.

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33 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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35 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman?

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37 MR. REXFORD: Terry?

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39 MR. TAGAROOK: I think that we need to get
40 representatives from Atkasak and Nuiqsut also, as well as Point
41 Hope.

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43 MR. UPICKSON: I think all villages should be
44 notified that applications are due or must be postmarked by
45 April 1 for these vacancies that will occur in the Council. A
46 letter not only to Point Hope, but to all villages,

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48 MR. REXFORD: Right.

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1 MR. UPICKSON: encourage everybody to
 2 apply. I think that would address your question, Terry.

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 4 MR. TAGAROOK: Okay.

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 6 MR. UPICKSON: Also, while we're on this issue,
 7 I think it would be -- we should write a letter to Zacharias
 8 advising him of the fact about missing three meetings in a row
 9 with an approved excuse, we'll -- he may be asked to step down
 10 if that occurs a third time. We'll encourage him to attend our
 11 next meeting.

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 13 MR. REXFORD: Okay. So noted, Mr. Upickson.

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 15 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq) You know what's
 16 going to come up in the near future. They're going to have --
 17 they're going to have a voice out in there, because they're not
 18 included as a representative for their village, no
 19 representative, but we'll (in Inupiaq).

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 21 MR. UPICKSON: Yeah. On that, I think this
 22 board will even out, like I said, we should recommend -- I
 23 recommend that a letter be sent to

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 25 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh. Right.

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 27 MR. UPICKSON: all village councils
 28 regarding the up-coming vacancy. And along with it, I think
 29 the representation on this Regional Council will even out.

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 31 MR. AVEOGANNA: You're right. You're right.
 32 Uh-huh. (In Inupiaq) Excuse me, Mr. Chairman?

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 34 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.

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 36 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq) You know, that
 37 feature that cut -- they're all going to be required anyway.
 38 (In Inupiaq) Like how the Borough government was come up to,
 39 also. Remember that we got the -- we're trying to work things
 40 out to get some -- each village representing as a -- in their
 41 organization like assemblyman. (In Inupiaq) That's how the
 42 (ph) Commission was trying to do before. (In Inupiaq)
 43 villages out of what that had to say. They're the boss.
 44 And then (in Inupiaq).

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 46 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you, Jim. Any
 47 further discussion on item seven B, Recruitment? I think the
 48 issues are clearly defined and also noted down about what we

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need to do, or what needs to be done to get representation from all the villages on our Council.

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3 If there are no further discussion on seven B, I would
4 recommend a recess at this time.

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6 MR. ITTA: All right.

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8 MR. REXFORD: Have a little caucus among
9 ourselves here real quick. I don't know, we can either recess
10 or move into executive session, either way.

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12 MR. ITTA: I think we -- I'd follow your
13 recommendation on you asking for a recess here for a period of
14 time.

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16 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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18 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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20 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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22 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We'll try that. Okay.
23 The Chair entertains a motion to recess.

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25 MR. AVEOGANNA: Was that a motion for recess?

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27 MR. ITTA: Yeah.

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29 MR. AVEOGANNA: Yeah. I second

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31 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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33 MR. AVEOGANNA: Edward's request.

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35 MR. ITTA: Okay. Perhaps -- Mr. Chairman?

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37 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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39 MR. ITTA: I'd like to -- I was looking in our
40 charter, Barbara, and I think this one is directed to you and
41 maybe some of our staff people can help us. There's nothing
42 that states in our charter regarding executive sessions, or
43 just meetings by the Board itself. I know we declared publicly
44 and made notices that this was going to be a public meeting.
45 What provisions do we have to go into executive session?

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I think the thing that you
48 follow is that -- where's that little booklet that you have?

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The other thing that you can do is that this is up for recommendations. You guys can make recommendations now to make some changes on this charter, and is it for this year, Mike, the recommendations for this charter, changing of this charter as for this year?

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MR. LOCKHART: Right.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You guys can do it at this time or within -- by next December, '95.

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MR. LOCKHART: I think

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: But this charter can be changed every two years, and it's by your recommendation.

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MR. LOCKHART: I think they're going to talk about the charter again in April though,

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. LOCKHART: as well?

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's the other thing that if you guys are tabling it, then this is also going to be discussed in Anchorage with the chairs when they have their meeting, and then that will -- I think it will be transcribed where all the other council members will get copies of those meetings in Anchorage. Am I correct in that?

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MR. LOCKHART: I'm not sure about how we're going to handle it in terms of the chair, co-chair meetings.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. LOCKHART: I don't know if that will be transcribed, but certainly all the -- what we need to do is develop an agenda and there needs to be a time when they just work together, but

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. LOCKHART: the other things that they want to talk about in terms of like the charter or the operations manual or stuff like that, we need to set an agenda and put some items on there that we talk about. And then if there's things that you develop, then bring them with you to the meeting.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. So, all right, now it's safe for you guys to go on recess and then caucus amongst yourself if you need to.

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MR. ITTA: Question.

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MR. REXFORD: Question's called. All in favor of moving into recess, do so by saying "aye"?

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ALL: Aye.

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MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Thank you.

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(Off record)

10:00 A.M.

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11:10 A.M.

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MR. REXFORD: I'll call the meeting back to order at this time. Before we get onto our agenda, I'd like to recognize some people, maybe make their own introductions, those that are in attendance. I'll first introduce Terry Tagarook from Wainwright, Gordon Upickson from Point Lay, Edward Itta from Barrow. On my right is Harry Brower, Junior, from Barrow, and Jim Aveoganna from Wainwright. And I'm Fenton REXford from Kaktovik. If maybe we could start in the back and introduce our

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MS. REYNOLDS: Here?

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Thank you.

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MS. REYNOLDS: I'm Patricia Reynolds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Patricia, thank you.

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MR. CARROLL: I'm Goeff Carroll with Alaska Fish and Game in Barrow.

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MR. KURTH: I'm Jim Kurth. I'm the Deputy Assistant Regional Director for the Fish and Wildlife Service Subsistence Office in Anchorage.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you.

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MR. ULVI: Steve Ulvi, subsistence manager with Gates of the Arctic National Park.

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1 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Ma'am?
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3 MS. LARREKAS: Dimitra Larrekas. I'm with the
Arctic Sounder.
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6 MS. EVERETT: I'm Janelle Everett. I'm with
KBRW.
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9 MR. ITTA: Who? Just kidding. Just kidding.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 MR. REXFORD: Barbara?
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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Helen Armstrong. I'm with
the Subsistence Office in Anchorage.
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18 MR. GUENTHER: Conrad Guenther, I'm a biologist
with the Subsistence Office in Anchorage.
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21 MS. EDWARDS: Terri Edwards with the
Subsistence Office in Anchorage.
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24 MR. LOCKHART: Mike Lockhart, Subsistence
Office, Anchorage.
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27 MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing with R & R Court
Reporters in Anchorage.
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30 MR. REXFORD: Okay.
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I'm Barbara Armstrong, the
Regional Coordinator for Arctic Region.
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35 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you. At this time
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38 MR. AVEOGANNA: Mr. Chairman, one missing
person here.
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41 MR. REXFORD: Oh, Warren will be with us
possibly this afternoon, and our remaining -- or we had a
designation from George Ahmaogak. As you all know, he was
elected the mayor, so he's got more important duties to attend
to, so
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47 What is the wish of the Council at this time on -- ?
Maybe before we begin to give the reasons why we have tabled
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several items on the agenda, primarily all of the items under six A, one through four, and some items under seven: operations manual, the charter, and the annual report were tabled until we could as regions of Alaska meet in Anchorage and hear the missions and goals of our councils, and the working relationships, and also the powers and duties of the Subsistence Council all in one meeting there with other regions and chairmen in Anchorage before the Federal Subsistence Board meet. So if anyone want to further clarify that reason why we were tabling those issues? Edward?

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MR. ITTA: I'd just -- Mr. Chairman, if I could, I'll just add that those of us who are members like -- apparently like a lot of other regions, don't really have a clear definition of what our role and responsibilities really are, and the interaction between the agency, the lead agency we work with, plus other agencies, both in the State and local, and we all were concerned that maybe we were hearing different definitions by region on just what our role and responsibilities are, and we're of the opinion that it would behoove everybody to hear from one source, all regions hearing from one source, and the meeting's in April. The regional meeting of all advisory council chairs in the region meeting in April in Anchorage, so that we have an opportunity then to as a group talk with the powers that be on understanding our roles and our responsibilities as subsistence regional advisory council members. So I just wanted to add that for clarification that we as a Council discussed that and support that, so we're unanimously in approval of tabling these issues until we hear what other regions have to say, as well as the agencies we deal with. Koyanuk (ph), Mr. Chairman.

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MR. REXFORD: That's right, Mr. Itta. I know we have some important issues in front of us. We have proposals, and we also have an item F we have added onto our agenda, customary and traditional issues, and other businesses take up later this afternoon. I know we have some folks that are here to discuss the proposals, and we also have a gentleman coming in for BLM to explain Proposal 68, Mike?

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MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, Mr. Chair, it's your pleasure. I mean, that's something that we wanted to talk about and see -- get a feeling from you on how you wanted to handle the meeting, and if you wanted to accommodate the BLM's interest in coming in either late this evening or first thing tomorrow morning to address this Proposal 68.

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MR. REXFORD: Well, the chair recommends we continue with our agenda at 1:30 to start discussing proposals,

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and if we come to the point of Proposal 68, we will have them
 1- give them an opportunity to comment on that, and if the
 Board -- or the Council sees no problem with the proposal,
 maybe we'll take it up at that time, but we are aware that they
 are coming in at 5:00 o'clock or?

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 6 MR. LOCKHART: Well, I have -- Mr. Chair, I
 have to get back with them and let them know

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 9 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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 11 MR. LOCKHART: what your decision is. If
 12 then we'll try to have somebody here by five, but I need to
 get ahold of them right now to let them

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 15 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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 17 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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 19 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)

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 21 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We'll definitely probably
 22 I shouldn't say "definitely probably," but we'll try to
 finish our business today, and if we see that we need to
 continue tomorrow, we'll do so. Any other discussion before
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 27 MR. UPICKSON: We're scheduled to meet today
 and tomorrow, and I recommend that any further discussions on
 any issue be -- we'll be able to discuss then tomorrow. We're
 scheduled for today and tomorrow, so leave that open so that
 everybody can bring up any issues that they want tomorrow.

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 33 MR. ITTA: Yeah.

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 35 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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 37 MR. ITTA: I support that. I think we should
 be able -- I mean, go ahead and accommodate BLM, for -- if we
 can't get them this afternoon, tomorrow morning to finish up.

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 41 MR. TAGAROOK: And, Mr. Chairman, also have
 public input that wants to come in and speak.

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 44 MR. REXFORD: Right. Okay. (In Inupiaq)

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 46 MR. ITTA: 1:30. (In Inupiaq)

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 48 MR. REXFORD: Okay. 1:30 (In Inupiaq). At

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this time the Chair entertains a recess until 1:30 to

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MR. ITTA: So move.

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MR. REXFORD: discuss proposals.

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MR. ITTA: I so move. Ask for unanimous.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
adjourn until

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MR. REXFORD: Recess.

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MR. UPICKSON: 1:30 so we can address
proposals.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Any objections to
reconvening at 1:30?

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MR. AVEOGANNA: I call the question.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Hearing no objections,
we'll reconvene at 1:30. Thank you.

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11:20 A.M.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. I'll call the meeting back
to order -- North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
back to order. We were down to item seven E before our lunch
recess, so I know there were some correspondence regarding some
proposals that were deleted or wanted to be put off these
proposals from my understanding. Can anyone in the staff
summarize that real quick so we can pull those out?

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MR. LOCKHART: Oh, Mr. Chair, yeah. There's a
note on the table here about the BLM proposal, is that what
you're talking about, the

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MR. REXFORD: No, there was -- I think there
were some proposals from the State Department

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: He's talking about the

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MR. REXFORD: that were pulled out?

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: State proposals.

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the book.
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 3 MR. LOCKHART: Right. They're already out of
 4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: They're already out.
 5 MR. LOCKHART: The only thing that's
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 7 MR. REXFORD: Oh, they're already out of this
 8 book?
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 10 MR. LOCKHART: in the book is what we
 11 need to go through, yes, sir.
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 13 MR. REXFORD: So -- okay. So there's nothing
 14 we need to pull out at this time then?
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 16 MR. LOCKHART: No. No.
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 18 MR. REXFORD: Some correspondences that were
 19 passed back and forth.
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 21 MR. LOCKHART: The only thing, Mr. Chair, that
 22 I'd add is that Proposal 64 is loose leaf you have, it's not in
 23 that book, but it's up on the table. We also need to discuss
 24 that one.
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 26 MR. REXFORD: Proposal 64?
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 28 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir.
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 30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It should be on your -- with
 31 your pile I guess.
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 33 MR. REXFORD: Is it in this packet?
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 35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, it's by itself.
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 37 MR. REXFORD: Oh, okay.
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 39 MR. LOCKHART: Mr. Chair?
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 41 MR. REXFORD: Yes, Mike?
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 43 MR. LOCKHART: If I could offer a suggestion,
 44 there's different ways in which these proposals relate to each
 45 other.
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 47 MR. REXFORD: Yes.
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MR. LOCKHART: And at your pleasure, it might be more orderly and quicker if we take them in a different order. And I'd suggest that maybe we look at -- address 64 first, and then 82, and then 83 and 81, which are together, and then we can go down from there. But put these statewide proposals, number one and two, towards the end of the meeting. That way we can address the ones that are of regional concern first. And that seems to be working better at some of the other council meetings to do it that way. Just as a suggestion.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Then I guess we'll just -- we'll go ahead and proceed that way then, Mike, if you want to -- are you going to -- are you and Helen going to be presenting this?

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MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir. There's several of us that are going to tag team on this, and we'll try to cover the proposals as far as our analysis.

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First of all, if you will, I'd maybe like to just talk about the schedule in this process for the regulations that we're going through and where we are. If you don't mind, I'd like about five minutes doing that. And also, Mr. Chair, I'd like to get a feel from you. We've been kind of -- each one of the councils is a little different in how they want to conduct their business with the proposals, so, you know, it's really at your pleasure on how you would like to address them. Some regions have asked us to actually read the proposal and then go into pretty good depth. Our inclination here is to just summarize briefly the parts of the proposal, and to let you ask questions, since you've had this booklet in your hand for a long time, you probably are better prepared to respond to the proposals than some of the councils were, because of the shorter time periods. And, you know, with question on how you would hope to proceed, if you want to involve -- provide opportunities for public comment, when you want to do that, what other agencies might comment, that's totally up to you on how you want to do that. We can offer some suggestions or you may have some ideas in mind.

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MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The other way -- you guys have options in working that. (In Inupiaq) None of you have? Okay. The procedure, I know I've never worked with you guys either on the advisory committee's position. There's ways that you can do it. You guys can say the proposal number and then motion to accept it and then have the presentation from Conrad

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or who is presenting it. Or the other way you can do it is just say the proposal and then let them present it to you, give 2- get -- let them give the information to you, and then you guys ask questions about the proposal. Then after that, after you guys have that discussion, then you guys either can motion to support it, motion to oppose it, or motion to amend. You can do those three with each of these proposals. And you guys have the right to take your time in reading through the information that you have from these booklets that you have on each proposal. And this is all up to you, and either way you guys want to do it. (In Inupiaq)

11 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We'll proceed at this manner. We'll hear from the staff, and then we'll make the decision on each proposal after.

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15 MR. LOCKHART: Okay. Mr. Chair, just before we get into the proposals, and I'll start with Proposal 64,

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18 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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20 MR. LOCKHART: we just wanted to very briefly again go over the process for how these proposals came about and how they'll be taken up, and how the Board will ultimately act on them in April.

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25 As you know, the proposed rule was sent out at September 2nd, for which there was a public comment period that was the vehicle for the response in developing these proposals. The public comment period for the proposal booklet ended January 14th. Regional council meetings are going on right now.

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32 The interagency staff committee meeting will occur the week of March 15. And they formulate a recommendation that goes to the Federal Subsistence Board which is independent of the Council's recommendations. Your recommendations will remain intact and will go before the Board that way. The staff committee will examine the information that you provide to us in making their recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board as well. And it's important to note here that if you look at the analyses that we have in these booklets, they have a big "draft" stamp on the part where you have staff analysis. This element of the Council input is a very important process in the resolution of the positions of the staff on what these will ultimately be recommend -- the recommendations that will go before the Board.

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47 So these analyses here no way constitute a final document. We're seeking additional input from the councils in

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coming up with a final analysis that will be presented to the staff committee and ultimately to the Board.

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3 The Board meeting is the week of April 11th through the
4 5th. They will -- the basis of that meeting will be the
5 determination for how the final rule will come out, and that
6 will be published hopefully in the final -- in the Federal
7 Register, which is the legal mechanism for implementing the
8 regulations for the Federal Subsistence Program, and that
9 hopefully the latter part of the May, and the implementation of
10 the rule will occur hopefully on July 1st, 1994.

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12 So are there any questions at this point about any of
13 that, or any -- Jim, do you want to offer any additional
14 suggestions or anything?

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16 MR. KRUTH: No.

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18 MR. LOCKHART: Okay. Any questions?

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20 MR. REXFORD: Any questions from the Council?
21 None, Mike.

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23 MR. LOCKHART: Okay. I'll go right into
24 Proposal 64 then, and Proposal 64 is by the Alaska Department
25 of Fish and Game to modify a portion of Unit 23 which is again
26 Region Ten, to modify the description for a hunt area to
27 allow taking of moose during a July season. The existing
28 federal subsistence season allows for taking moose in July.

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30 This past year, there was a State selection process
31 where there was about 60% of the lands in that area were
32 original lands, and the federal subsistence regulations applied
33 to. Now there's probably less than 10% of that area is
34 covered by federal lands.

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36 So the State not -- the State does not currently allow
37 provide for a July season, and they wanted to recommend an
38 alternative boundary description that would limit some of the
39 confusion on where you could and couldn't hunt moose in July.
40 And on that paper, if you look at the figure one, the map, this
41 is just a portion of Unit 23, but it's the portion that covers
42 that. And what they're -- in essence, what the State wanted to
43 was redefine the description of the area to where -- it
44 currently exists at Kivalina River drainage, north, the area
45 north and west, that federal subsistence would be open. The
46 State has recommended that we modify that to Ogotoruk Creek,
47 the areas north and west of Ogotoruk Creek. And their
48 rationale for that was that it would be more -- it would be

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more in alignment with the existing federal lands.

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2 Now, in our staff analysis we identified several
3 concerns related to this. First of all, Ogotoruk Creek, and
4 excuse me if the pronunciation is bad, but that it divides part
5 of the federal lands. And again if you look at the map, you'll
6 see that the federal lands are the ones that are shaded dark,
7 and the ones that are shaded with the dotted a lighter shade of
8 grey. Those are the only federal lands that remain in Unit 23.
9 But Ogotoruk Creek bisects a part of those federal lands,
10 which would make them -- if we adopted this proposal, it would
11 make those lands unavailable for hunting for moose in July for
12 the people of Point Hope.

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14 Consequently, our staff has recommended that we modify
15 the language so that there's no confusion on whether or not the
16 federal public lands that exist there, whether we would still
17 provide that opportunity. So if you look on that page, on the
18 conclusions part, you can see down at the bottom there we're
19 making a recommendation and a change of language. About the
20 third paragraph down where it's indented and says, "Unit 23"?
21 We're recommending that the language be modified so that it
22 says, "That portion north and west of, and including the
23 Ingoalik River drainage, and all lands draining into the
24 Kupuk and Ipewik Rivers." And essentially what that would do
25 allow moose hunting in July on all those shaded lands.

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27 The other thing that we're recommending is that we
28 believe that the -- this land selection has significantly
29 reduced the subsistence opportunity for the people of Point
30 Hope, so we're recommending that a proposal be forwarded to the
31 State Board of Game to modify their seasons to allow July
32 hunting in that area as well.

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34 And basically that concludes the part of our analysis.
35 We'll take any questions.

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37 Oh, I'm sorry, let me just point out that Region Eight
38 Kotzebue last week, they elected to just -- since some of
39 the lands are involved in their region, they elected to -- they
40 made a recommendation that they would go along with anything
41 that this region recommends to the Federal Subsistence Board,
42 they wanted to be clear that they would support your
43 decision.

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45 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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47 MR. ITTA: What's the current State of Alaska's
48 hunting dates, open season?

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1 MR. LOCKHART: I believe theirs starts in
2 August, but they do not allow for taking in July. Let me look
3 that up here real quick.

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5 MR. ITTA: The reason why I ask that is you --
6 in the conclusion portion of your analysis that the following
7 paragraph of the one you quoted, that hunters making use of
8 this opportunity will run the risk of violating State hunting
9 regs, because it's difficult to distinguish between State and
10 Federal land. What -- can you expound on that a little bit,
11 just ?

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13 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir, I can. The State
14 season opens August 1st. Let me make sure of that. Let me --
15 The remainder of 23 --" Yes, sir. It's one moose, no person
16 may take a cow accompanied by a calf, but it open August 1st
17 instead of July 1st.

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19 MR. TAGAROOK: That's the State season?

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21 MR. LOCKHART: That's the State. And the
22 problem is that although we would provide an opportunity on
23 Federal lands in July, the problem is there's so few federal
24 lands any more that it's going to be difficult for the hunters
25 those areas to know exactly where they are. And our
26 concern, of course, is that this action of the State selections
27 has really reduced the opportunities for people of Point Hope
28 take moose in July.

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30 MR. TAGAROOK: Mike, I have a question. Do the
31 residents of Point Hope and Kivalina, are these aware of these
32 proposed changes?

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34 MR. LOCKHART: I can't answer that for sure. I
35 mean, we have had no public comments. We provided an
36 opportunity for the public to comment on these proposals. We
37 have seen none from any of those communities regarding that.
38 Again, the Council is the real forum that's hoped to get
39 that kind of interchange through, and down at the Kotzebue
40 meeting, there was no public discussion about that as well, so
41 it's hard for us to assess whether they really know what the
42 consequences of these actions really are.

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44 MR. TAGAROOK: Have you sent any media to those
45 communities concerning the things?

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47 MR. LOCKHART: Only we have -- we have a
48 mailing list that the proposal booklets went out that's pretty
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extensive, and unquestionably the people in Point Hope are aware, or they've had this material before them, but we have not had much of a response. Any response actually.

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4 The thing, again, this is a proposal by the State to change the definition. There is -- the existing regulation provides for a federal hunt in July right now, but the lands are so reduced that it becomes a problem.

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9 MR. ITTA: The -- one more question, Mr. Chairman. You're -- that same paragraph where at the tail end there you say that you suggest that the Federal Subsistence Board submit the following proposals, one and two, to Alaska Board of Game and ADF&G. Who -- if we took action on this, do we need another action to have the Federal Subsistence Board know our -- that we support that recommendation, or how would that work?

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18 MR. LOCKHART: That's probably one of the things that I didn't really clearly talk about. I think it's very important for you to characterize what you want, you know, the -- how you want to act on a specific proposal, and the rationale for why you want to do that. It's important that that gets into the record so the Board clearly understands. And if you want to make that recommendation that you support it, I think it's appropriate to put that on the record.

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27 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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29 MR. LOCKHART: The question before you is the proposal. The proposal is to change the existing boundary, and when you'll act on that. Any other actions that you would want to take subsequent to that are, I think, appropriate.

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34 MR. REXFORD: Barbara?

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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. Did Geoff say that he was going to be here, or is he going to miss part of this meeting or?

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40 MR. ITTA: He's going to miss a couple hours.

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42 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, he was going to be out for a couple of hours, so

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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: A couple hours.

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47 MR. TAGAROOK: Who, Geoff?

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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2 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Maybe since this is a Fish
and Game proposal, maybe we can wait until Geoff gets back,
He'll be here, so he can discuss

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6 MR. LOCKHART: Oh, I thought he was here.

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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So

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10 MR. LOCKHART: I'm sorry.

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12 MR. REXFORD: Charlie.

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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: See, they would easier
under- -- easier to understand, Geoff with them to discuss this
proposal.

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18 MR. LOCKHART: I think that's probably good.

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20 MR. C. BROWER: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman.
Thank you.

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23 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. C. BROWER: I work -- my name is Charlie
Brower, I work for the North Slope Borough Fish and Game
Management Committee. I've worked with people from Point Hope
on trying to get some kind of a proposal or a request from
them, and I support this proposal from ADF&G on the change of
boundaries for them to hunt moose. I've worked with them for
about ten years, and their concern always has been when the
moose were within range, there was no hunting season. Now,
with this, with the interest that has been brought to here,
their hunt can now take place when the moose are available
within their range, 'cause when previously all the concerns
that I heard were when the moose season open, there was no more
moose. And with this, I see they have more chance of
harvesting moose now. And I just wanted to support what ADF&G
is trying to do on this proposal.

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41 The only question I have is on your -- what is 1% total
available pounds of harvest with 0-4 moose taken annually? Is
that much moose taken or something?

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45 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I've got those and plenty
more.

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48 MR. LOCKHART: All right.

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1 MR. C. BROWER: I know that's a lot of pounds
2 for a moose, and 1% of a harvest is edible?

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4 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It means 1% of all the
5 pounds harvested of everything, only 1% of everything, that's
6 caribou, moose, you know, seal, everything, is only 1% comes
7 from moose. And that's of edible moose.

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9 Now, I have to say though that this -- where this
10 information came from is old, and that they're

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12 MR. C. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: probably getting more
15 those now I think, because the moose population is growing.
16 And this is all the information we have. I think it's probably
17 a little bit suspect on whether it's totally accurately, too,
18 but anyway, the point is, is that the numbers that they've
19 taken, that that -- that study was from 19- -- I think it was
20 from 1962 to 1982. That was -- they weren't getting more than
21 four moose a year in Point Hope. Now, I think since then they
22 probably are getting more.

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24 MR. C. BROWER: They have.

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Do you have any idea
27 how many?

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29 MR. C. BROWER: No, I haven't. I don't have
30 that

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But it -- but I didn't have
33 those numbers.

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35 MR. C. BROWER: All right. And another
36 question I had was on what Mr. Itta stated earlier on the risk
37 of violating State hunting, because it's difficult to which is
38 State and Federal land.

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. C. BROWER: I guess we're going to have to
43 or have some of these biologists go up and mark federal and
44 State on both sides of the land, so they don't have to wait so
45 long for them to cross into federal land from state land. So,
46 you know, I just want to state that.

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I think the other thing they

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brought up was the drainages. Mike can explain, that with the Northwest Arctic they were asking about the drainages, and that way you won't be on this side and see a moose over here, because you can't get it, it's on a different wave, it was explained at the Northwest Arctic, and Mike will explain that, too.

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MR. C. BROWER: That's what I was trying

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, okay.

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MR. C. BROWER: Yeah, like the moose during hunting season might be on State land and not move a bit until next month and move to the federal land.

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MR. REXFORD: Thank you, Charlie.

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Smart moose.

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MR. REXFORD: We've got smart moose around here. Jim?

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Charlie? (In Inupiaq) I'm going to say a little bit in my language here, and talk to Charlie here. (In Inupiaq) All animals are.

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MR. C. BROWER: Yeah.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: There's quite a bit of changes on the -- what -- how it is around the area. It's so different than down at Kotzebue area and everywhere else. Our lands were different and where the animal goes on them, they know where to go for the feeding area and all that stuff. So all these says we've never have any moose at my home village where I was raised, but very few. We got them, they come right up to, one time, right up -- right up to our village. And most of this moose, they go some place else, and they live on the Tokvillage (oh), most of all these areas, and they're going to go down lower. But now everything start going, airplanes, engines that were on the land. The moose so much and -- that the animals like moose come down out of other place where they know where the land is. All these animals we -- what we have all these here, they know the land. So what I mentioned, so different than that Kotzebue or Kivalina. Ours is just open country found here. The North Slope. We've got very few hills up in the Brooks Range, on rivers a little bit. Not enough feed for the moose and all that stuff. So that's something that we have to give them -- propose whatever we need to say about the right

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time of our open season. That sooner or later, I wouldn't be surprised at all that there's going to be moose around Wainwright. That's where I come from. That's how the animals are. Change of land. That really hurts our animals all these years. 'Cause every animal knows exactly where they can go when they migrate somewhere around the areas in our area anyway. And they don't go through there no more.

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8 Like for instance, just now at Wainwright, no caribou, just very few. And now you've got to travel quite a ways to know where they are, but not like before right with the village. No longer any caribous as has been -- like we used to have before. Which means that we have to talk to our people, and what the law says and all that, and tell them not to waste any, what we've been doing, not to waste any of those, what we have, just what a person use as a subsistence user, that's how we -- I would talk to the people that comes to me, you know, that's so they know.

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19 Just something that I think of is something we have to find out, talk things over together and understand each other, and tell them, you know, maybe just right where -- where the villages are, what region they're on, and then that way it would work better, because we live on them, Eskimos, anybody that's out living in the area, we live on like you guys live on lower 48 and anywhere else. There's a real difference. So this is going to be -- for me, it's going to be a long-term planning where if I found -- disallow (ph) there, unless they want to change, leave it alone, maybe just like for a way of living. This way. This is very important life we're living on just now, so we've got to quite -- learn about, see how the people they were -- what we've been going through, the State law and now on the federal. The use of land. That's -- we never had the same animals all the time. They migrate some and they turn around and go some place else where the other villages are. That's how we live. You never know -- never know when we have to hunt as a subsistence user, when we hunt we thought there was no problem, because we don't run out of cash and long as they reach (ph) but for having snow machine, travelling, it gives us a certain method and means.

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41 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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43 MR. UPICKSON: I have a question.

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45 MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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47 MR. UPICKSON: For Helen. When the Department made the staff analysis, the figure that you use, less than 1%

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of total, that part, okay? You admitted that those were old figures, and we know in fact that moose in that area generally have increased over the past few years. And how old is your -- this 1% of total edible harvest? Is this ten years old when there was in fact no moose back then?

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's

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MR. UPICKSON: And how did your staff analysis -- how was it affected by this figure that you used?

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It was about 12 years old.

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MR. UPICKSON: Okay. And then how did -- how does that 12-year old figure that you used affect your staff analysis?

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, I guess even though there haven't been any studies done recently in Point Hope on how much people have been harvesting, I think it's common -- I mean, I knew that moose were increasing in population and that people were getting more moose, and we know that from some of the other villages, and so even though I don't know that, I don't have scientific proof of that, it -- I know that -- I know that it is increasing. And I'm not sure it's all that -- I don't think it makes that much of a difference in what our conclusions are.

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MR. UPICKSON: It has no bearing on your analysis. This has no bearing

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No.

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MR. UPICKSON: on your analysis, the figure that you used?

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Not really.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, this proposed regulation change was made by -- in response to request from Point Hope residents to harvest moose during the summer. I accept their concern. They -- when they go out they want to -- they'd like to get a moose.

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MR. REXFORD: Just before we recessed for lunch, Geoff mentioned that he was going to be out for a couple of hours, so I would be inclined to act on this proposal until we hear from Geoff,

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1 MR. UPICKSON: Okay.

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3 MR. REXFORD: perhaps maybe by 3:00
4 'clock or so he may be back, so we could -- are you done with
5 this, Mike?

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7 MR. LOCKHART: There's just a couple more
8 points that maybe expanding a little bit on what Gordon was
9 saying. Our -- we believe that the use there is a legitimate
10 use, that

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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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14 MR. LOCKHART: it's not a significant
15 impact on the moose, so we want to permit continued use of
16 moose in July. It's the time when the Point Hope people take
17 moose.

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Yeah.

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21 MR. LOCKHART: The problem is, is that with the
22 land selections now, the opportunity is drastically reduced for
23 them to do that legally.

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25 The other thing that maybe Barbara was talking about a
26 little earlier, there was some concern by Jim Dau of Alaska
27 Department of Fish and Game that we identify the boundaries to
28 include drainages, and not just rivers, so that the whole
29 drainage would be open. And we did that, and we might want to
30 refine this. And we can certainly do that in looking at it.
31 But the intent is to just make sure that the definition
32 includes all those lands that are identified on this map, the
33 shaded areas, the federal lands, so that moose hunting on those
34 lands would be allowed in July.

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36 And then our joint recommendation is to go to the State
37 and recommend that they modify their season to allow July
38 harvest for these people. And that, by the way, and correct
39 me, Barbara, if I'm wrong, I think Jim Dau also acknowledged
40 that that was a concern, that they were going to -- he was
41 going to submit a proposal to the Board of Game to do the same
42 thing. That was my recollection. Do you remember that,
43 Barbara?

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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I think he did.

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47 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah. So

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. All right. Thank you.

Edward?

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MR. ITTA: I just wanted to ask Charlie, did -- you mentioned that you had talked with Point Hope residents and Kivalina on this subject?

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MR. C. BROWER: Just mostly Point Hope.

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MR. ITTA: Mostly Point Hope?

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MR. C. BROWER: Right.

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MR. ITTA: Because it's within the Borough boundaries of the zone and Fish and Game Committee?

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MR. C. BROWER: Right.

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MR. ITTA: Okay. The -- yeah, so did you have a public hearing over there over this or was this a concern?

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MR. C. BROWER: No, we -- I went through after one of our Fish and Game member Committee, Jake Kanook state that in time there's time to harvest caribou within their time, the moose season was closed, and by the time moose season opened, all the moose was out of the area, and would go beyond the harvest any of the meat or resources that were available for them. But the request was for Point Hope to extend the date from July for their hunting season,

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MR. REXFORD: Go from August to July.

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because I get a little leery working on something that's impacting people directly over there, and there has been public notice, or little hearings of some sort, or we haven't given them the notice and the teleconference opportunity to speak to this. And I'm concerned on taking action prior to that happening, although I support the proposal. I think it's real good. I like it. But there's a step in the process I think that's missing that either we need to implement or work with ADF&G, and say -- jointly, and say, "We are planning a change on this portion of the law that affects your lives here," and have some avenue to make sure that happens. So I'm just expressing my concern about that, although I -- like I say, I like the proposal and I support it.

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MR. LOCKHART: Mr. Chair, let me just clarify and make sure we're going through the process and understanding each other correctly. First of all, the Councils -- you know, it's the intent, and hopefully when we get somebody from Point Hope on it, there will be good representation. We don't have that right now. The fact that this proposal recommends a change to existing federal regulations to modify the area, to allow for hunting moose during July. Nothing is really being proposed to change, other than the definition of that boundary, okay, on where that -- where the federal lands really are. The existing federal regulations, the regulation and the proposed rule will allow moose hunting on federal lands in that portion of Unit 23 in July. The State action to take the -- to withdraw the lands is what really impacts it.

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MR. ITTA: Yeah. That's fine. I understand that okay.

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MR. LOCKHART: Okay.

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MR. ITTA: Unfortunately I'm not from Point Hope or Kivalina, so that's my point, that I'd feel a lot more comfortable, and I'll just say I think that's one area, too, that we can work on as a Board, and get some avenues developed that will allow for that input is what I'm saying.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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MR. UPICKSON: Yes, I like your concern regarding more information that maybe Geoff can provide, Mike Carroll can provide. And also, Edward's not wanting to make decisions for Point Hope, maybe with more information that maybe Geoff can provide, and then he can openly support it,

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even those he supports the proposal as it is written. Both your concerns are valid, both yours and Edward's, so I recommend that we table this until Geoff gets here.

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4 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Right. Thank you. We'll do so.

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7 MR. ITTA: So move.

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9 MR. REXFORD: So moved.

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11 MR. UPICKSON: Second.

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13 MR. REXFORD: All those in favor of deferring
14 until we hear from Geoff, do so by saying "aye"?

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16 ALL: Aye.

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18 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Thank
19 you. We'll wait until Geoff gets back, then we'll determine
20 the action on Proposal 64. Okay.

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22 Your next recommendation was 82, 83, and 81, Mike?

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24 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
25 One other point when we go through these discussions is that
26 the comment was made by Jim is that one of the reasons that
27 we're here and we present these analyses for things like the
28 information that we have at hand, we're coming to you asking
29 for information. The input that you have that goes on the
30 record that you know that more moose, for example, are being
31 harvested out there now than was in the past, is very important
32 to us, because that helps us in the decision-making, and it
33 helps the Board as well. So I just want to make sure that
34 that's understood. We're trying to gather as much information
35 as we can out of you as well.

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37 Proposal 82 was originated from some very intelligent
38 people here in the North Slope. I think it was you folks.

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, it was.

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42 MR. LOCKHART: This regulation requests that a
43 customary and traditional practice that has been -- that is
44 allowed for in Unit 26 -- or in, I'm sorry, in Unit 23, be
45 extended to Unit 26 residents. And that's to allow use of
46 motor-driven boats to take caribou, and to take rifles that
47 shoot -- or firearms that shoot rimfire cartridges.

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In assessing this proposal, we looked at the potential impacts on the caribou populations that would be affected, and we looked at how this regulation would apply with respect to Federal lands and the questions of navigable and non-navigable waters within those lands in Unit 26. And very quickly and basically we determined that caribou are indeed an important resource, subsistence resource to North Slope residents, and that North Slope residents have indeed customarily used boats to harvest caribou, and have customarily harvested swimming caribou, and that the use of motor boats or rimfire cartridges would not -- probably not have a significant impact on the caribou populations.

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13 There is again the continued concern about dual management on waters and state lands. If this proposal is adopted, it would certainly extend to all lands under federal subsistence jurisdiction, but the State law, it would be -- it would be illegal to undertake that activity on State law (sic). We just wanted to make everybody aware of that.

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20 So very simply that's a brief overview, and we'd be happy to take questions or go into the analysis in greater detail if you'd like.

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24 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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26 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman, I have a question.

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28 MR. REXFORD: Terry?

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30 MR. TAGAROOK: On motor-driven boats may be used to take caribou, and over here it's snowmobiles -- on this side, motor-driven boats or snowmobiles may be used to take caribou. Why was snowmobiles taken out?

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35 MR. LOCKHART: I'm sorry, Terry, I'm not sure where you're really looking. Are you talking about

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38 MR. TAGAROOK: Yeah, I'm looking at the one that was

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41 MR. ITTA: For Unit 23.

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43 MR. TAGAROOK: Yeah, Unit 23.

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45 MR. ITTA: They say it includes snow machines?

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47 MR. TAGAROOK: Yeah. It includes

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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3 MR. LOCKHART: I don't think that your proposal
4 included snow machines at the time you made it.
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6 MR. ITTA: No, it's not. It's in this -- this
7 one.
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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, it just included
10 boats.
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12 MR. ITTA: It's in the current Game Unit 23
13 legs.
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: He's right.
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19 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, Unit 23 can, but then
20 think your original proposal just said boats?
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22 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh.
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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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28 MR. ITTA: Yeah. I don't ride my snow machine
29 on the water.
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31 MR. TAGAROOK: But the season is

32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)
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34 MR. TAGAROOK: But the season is open from July
35 to June 30.
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37 MR. ITTA: That's a good point.
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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41 MR. BROWER: Snow machine (in Inupiaq).
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43 MR. TAGAROOK: Because at fall time, you do not
44 use snow machines.
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46 MR. ITTA: Yeah, July and August.
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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1 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, I'm sorry, Terry. That
 2 certainly is an appropriate thing to bring up as a proposal,
 3 But the nature of your proposal when you gave it to us last
 4 fall only dealt with motor boats. And for us to bring up snow
 5 machines now, we'd probably have to, you know, put that back
 6 into the process and look at it from a -- and let the public
 7 have an opportunity to speak to it.

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 9 I'm sorry, Barbara, did you?

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 11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: They can't do an amendment?

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 13 MR. LOCKHART: I think you probably can, but I
 14 mean, it's -- you can make any recommendations you would
 15 choose. It's -- I don't know how the Board would respond to
 16 that, because it hasn't undergone the public process, and it
 17 would be something that's added, and something new. I don't
 18 know.

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 20 MR. ITTA: If I could?

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 22 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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 24 MR. ITTA: Mike, kind of like us, I think you
 25 don't quite know what we can or can't do here, and I want to
 26 make sure that we at least get something in, and maybe somebody
 27 can clear me up on the proposal process. These proposals as
 28 they're written here and presented to us, have been
 29 disseminated to all the proper regional councils for their
 30 input, based on what's in here?

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 32 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir.

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 34 MR. ITTA: Okay. And if we were to change
 35 that, then we'd have to go through the whole process again and
 36 say, "Here's some more -- here's an amended version of Proposal
 37 82," in my mind.

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 39 MR. LOCKHART: Well, I

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 41 MR. ITTA: But this was originated by us. Do
 42 we need their -- my question is, do we need their okay or
 43 approval to make an amendment or would that change things? I
 44 don't think so myself.

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 46 MR. LOCKHART: You can make any recommendations
 47 you want based on, you know, things that relate to subsistence
 48 matters and issues. All I'm saying is that, you know, it may

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be -- it may be something that the Board is a little more uncomfortable about approving. I mean, you can do it. You can certainly make

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MR. ITTA: You're talking the

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MR. LOCKHART: the recommendation from our part.

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MR. ITTA: Federal Subsistence Board?

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MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir.

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MR. ITTA: Okay.

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MR. LOCKHART: When it comes in and this proposal's gone through the analysis and everything, and they've looked at -- we've looked at motor-driven boats, and then there's a recommendation before the Board, and they see that there's a recommendation by you folks to include snowmobiles, it may not be a big deal. I just don't know. But it's something that hasn't undergone public scrutiny, nobody's had an opportunity to comment on it, and they may be -- they may not feel comfortable in authorizing that at that point. But certainly you have the

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But they may, too.

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MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, they may. They may.

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: They may, too. Yeah.

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MR. ITTA: Thank you.

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MR. UPICKSON: A question, Mr. Chairman?

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MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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MR. UPICKSON: On this proposal, it says "Unit specific provisions for customary and traditional methods of taking caribou." This one is for -- was submitted by our Council. Would that effect the customary and traditional methods like in Unit Eight they hunt caribou, the same means, motor-driven boats, swimming caribou.

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MR. LOCKHART: Region Eight?

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MR. UPICKSON: Yes. The Kotzebue Region. Would that -- how -- this is a unit specific provision for Unit

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2 MR. LOCKHART: That's correct. It would have
 3 no effect. I mean current -- the proposed regulation would
 4 allow for taking caribou, swimming caribou, from boats in Unit
 5 23, which is Region Eight.

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7 MR. UPICKSON: Uh-huh.

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9 MR. LOCKHART: So that's -- it would have no
 10 effect on that region at all. I don't know if that's what
 11 you're really asking. This would just provide a unit specific
 12 regulation, which if it were passed by the Board, would allow
 13 people up here to take caribou from motor-driven boats with
 14 rimfire rifles -- rimfire firearms.

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16 MR. UPICKSON: Yeah. My question was are unit
 17 specific proposed changed for our unit, would that effect like
 18 say Kotzebue area where you guys -- I know would like to hunt
 19 caribou the same way, from a boat, and I know they do over
 20 there.

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, we can, because

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24 MR. LOCKHART: This is

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: we have that law.

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28 MR. LOCKHART: It's already in regulations.

29 They can

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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's already in regulations.

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33 MR. LOCKHART: do it now.

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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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37 MR. UPICKSON: In your area? Okay. I

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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41 MR. LOCKHART: Sorry.

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43 MR. UPICKSON: understand that. Okay.

44 Thank you.

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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48 MR. LOCKHART: And getting -- just one -- you

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know, the more that if -- if you were to choose to try and make that modification, it's very important that you, you know, specifically address the rationale for why you want to do that, because the information you provide to the Board on why you want to do something, and that it fits the customary and traditional practices, then they're more inclined to accept it.

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MR. ITTA: Okay.

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MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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MR. ITTA: I have a comment. Thanks for that clarification there, Terry, and I agree with you that there's a portion on unit specific regulations as related to Unit 23, and I had referred to that as an extension of what we did up here. And again, Geoff is one that needs to kind of be in on this conversation, because we talked of it before, too. And what we had tried to do is make that available for the North Slope.

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What I didn't realize here on unit specific regulations for Unit 23, was this -- this is Item B we're talking about in their unit specific regulations. Item A is that motor-driven boats or snowmobiles may be used to take caribou, which is something that I had always assumed that you could do, but I suppose the next step then would be to go ahead and make unit specific regulation proposal relative to that, and include that language in the Unit 26 section, which is not noted anywhere, because we don't have any unit specific regulations. And I think we can come back to that and in fact I'd say that that would be a good one to have in writing, and as a part of the regs here, so that it's absolutely clear that you can go get caribou with your snow machine, Jim Aveoganna.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: I don't chase caribou with snow machine.

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MR. ITTA: You don't?

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MR. AVEOGANNA: I just come by there in rifle range, and that's how I swing it. I never let them -- even on the boat. I'm one of the

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MR. ITTA: Anyway, I remember

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MR. AVEOGANNA: one that runs the boat for the people in my village, they can't afford to get their own boats and all that stuff, 'cause I -- like I say even take guns (ph) out for hunting. I never let people to shoot the

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caribou right in the river or at the lagoon. I rather shoot when -- after they dry out, right in the land. You use that -- the skin also for parkas and what not. That's how we were leached by -- that's how we hunt. Like I say, I don't even chase caribou with a snow machine. That's not for me, because I like the taste of animals, but I -- by the house.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. We've -- I remember, too, Edward, you're correct, we wanted to try and get this in conjunction right in line with regulations that exist in the Kotzebue area, and overlooked that the Skidoo is involved in taking of caribou, so I would lean towards adding the words "snowmobile" or "snow machine" inserted in this proposal and send it forward to the Federal Subsistence Board by a motion rather than a separate proposal or separate regulation. Have them -- have it the same with the other area.

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MR. ITTA: Yeah, if I can, I would (in Inupiaq) to the Federal Board, Subsistence Board, (in Inupiaq). So they could have input on it. (In Inupiaq) And then we've got to go through another whole process. (In Inupiaq) It's items first A and B on unit specific regulations. (In Inupiaq) motor-driven boats and snow machines (in Inupiaq) in our unit. (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Yeah. I'd agree with that.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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MR. UPICKSON: A lot of things we can discuss if we can get off the record for a while.

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MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Did -- was there a mention that maybe we could wait for Geoff on this as well?

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MR. ITTA: Yeah.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. We'll

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MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah. We'll table this proposal again another hour or so until Geoff gets back. Any further comments on this?

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1 MR. UPICKSON: Table it until our resident
 2 biologist gets here. He couldn't be with us here.

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 4 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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 6 MR. LOCKHART: I think that's good.

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 8 MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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 10 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq), Mr. Chairman?
 11 (In Inupiaq)

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 13 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Okay. Mike, proceed with
 14 84? We're done with 82.

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 16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: 83? If it's all right with
 17 you, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to do 83 first and then 81.

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 19 MR. REXFORD: Pardon?

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 21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm going to do 83 first,
 22 and then 81. They're -- we dealt

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 24 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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 26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: with these both --
 27 they're both dealing with the same issue, and

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 29 MR. REXFORD: All right.

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 31 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think that the order
 32 maybe a little bit better. This is also one you may choose
 33 to table until Geoff gets back.

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 35 Both proposals 81 and 83 deal with moose harvest in
 36 A. The proposal -- proposal number 83 came from the North
 37 Slope Regional Subsistence Advisory Council, and it requested
 38 that "The portion of the Colville River drainage upstream from
 39 and including the Chandalar River drainage," the season be
 40 extended from August 1st to March 31st. That's instead of
 41 going until December 31st. And I have maps here to show where
 42 that portion is. If you'll pass those around. Jim, do you
 43 want to pass those around?

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 45 MR. AVEOGANNA: Okay.

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 47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: This is a proposal that came
 48 as a result of an action that the State took in 1992 when they

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expanded the season to March 31st in that area. This was done primarily to allow for moose hunting in a time of year when the weather conditions allowed for it.

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4 In our analysis we looked at the moose population, and
5 it's been steadily increasing since 1991 -- I mean, since 1970
6 up to 1991, and felt that there really is no reason why we
7 shouldn't extend that season.

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9 Now, what the State did in conjunction with that was
10 they also prohibited the use of aircraft at that time. And
11 that's proposal 81. And they also have made that proposal to
12 us, ADF&G have proposed that, that from January 1st to March
13 31st that no aircraft be used in Unit 26A. And the reason they
14 did that was to control the -- make sure that the moose
15 population didn't increase (ph) when they extended that season,
16 and also to give the local residents who don't have access to
17 aircraft ample opportunity to hunt moose without having the
18 people who have aircraft interfering with that harvest.

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20 So you can see that 81 and 83 are really closely
21 related. The Board would first have to approve the extension
22 of the season for 83, and then once that season were extended,
23 then we would have to go forward with 81 and suggesting that
24 aircraft be prohibited in the area.

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26 I think that's about all you need in the summary. If
27 you need more details, we can -- I can go over that.

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29 MR. REXFORD: Any questions for Helen? None?
30 Thank you. What is the wish of the Council on Proposal 83?
31 Wait for Geoff?

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33 MR. UPICKSON: (In Inupiaq)

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35 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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37 MR. UPICKSON: I'd like to extend the season.

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39 MR. ITTA: All we're doing is extending it.

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41 MR. REXFORD: You say 81 is also a similar
42 proposal?

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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, 83 asks for an
45 extension of the season into that drainage on the map, and then
46 it asks for the aircraft to be prohibited during that season,
47 which is why we dealt with 83 first.

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(Several discussions in Inupiaq.)

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2 MR. TAGAROOK: This is just an extension of the
3 season, this one, 83. Yeah. (In Inupiaq)
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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, if you're
6 interested, just so you know it's available, Conrad has a lot
7 of biological information on the moose in that area, if you
8 want to hear it, if, you know,
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10 MR. UPICKSON: In other words, we're juggling
11 how we're -- which proposal again now? On 81 we're not going
12 to be -- we're supportive of 83, I think, as a Board now, why
13 don't you go ahead with 81 when you go back to it?
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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: If you don't support 83,
16 then you wouldn't support 81, because 81 -- 83 extends the
17 season, 81 prohibits using aircraft during that season. So if
18 you didn't extend the season, then you automatically wouldn't
19 support 81, because there's not extended season.
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: They're saying they're
22 supporting 83, but they want to hear what 81 is, so if you
23 could just explain that. (In Inupiaq)
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25 MR. UPICKSON: So we won't hang ourself after
26 we have -- we're supportive of 83, but we're interested in 81
27 now. Okay.
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29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Eighty-one is just simply to
30 prohibit people using aircraft during that season.
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32 MR. REXFORD: Takulik, do you have something?
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34 MS. OPIE: The main reason why they
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36 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, could you come up
37 by the microphone?
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And introduce yourself?
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41 MS. OPIE: My name is Takulik Opie, and I work
42 for the Wildlife Department. And the main reason why they made
43 this proposal was several local hunters from Barrow had asked
44 off to extend the season, because when they go wolverine and
45 wolf hunting, they wanted to be able to legally hunt moose if
46 they ever got a chance to run across them.
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48 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Good. Okay. (In Inupiaq)
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1 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
2 adopt Proposal 83.

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4 MR. ITTA: Second the motion.

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6 MR. REXFORD: Okay. It's been moved by Gordon
7 and seconded by Edward to approve Proposal 83. Any further
8 discussion on the matter?

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10 MR. TAGAROOK: Question called for.

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12 MR. REXFORD: The question is called. All
13 those in favor of approving Proposal 83, do so by saying "aye"?

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15 ALL: Aye.

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17 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Thank
18 you, gentlemen. Thank you, Helen.

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20 MR. LOCKHART: Mr. Chair?

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22 MR. REXFORD: Mike?

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24 MR. LOCKHART: Just again, we're working
25 through this process of trying to be very interactive between
26 the councils and the Board, and it's -- when this transcript
27 comes out and we try to present the positions of the Council,
28 certainly the Council will be there to the Board, and will be
29 able to represent the Council at the meeting in April. But
30 it's very valuable if you can to just take some time on -- and
31 just briefly addressing the rationale on why you support or
32 oppose or want to modify each one of the proposals for the
33 record. It would be very helpful to us if you can. And I just
34 we offer that as a recommendation to facilitate a lot of the
35 decision at the

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37 MR. REXFORD: Okay. All right. Let's see.
38 Where were we now? We're at Eighty-

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40 MR. ITTA: Eighty-one.

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42 MR. LOCKHART: I'm sorry.

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44 MR. REXFORD: Eighty-one.

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46 MR. LOCKHART: Eighty- -- we're back at 85.
47 Eighty-four was one of the ones that was withdrawn by Alaska
48 Department of Fish and Game. It was related to the same

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MR. TAGAROOK: We're going to 81?

MR. REXFORD: Eighty-one. (In Inupiaq)

MR. ITTA: Okay. That

MR. REXFORD: Okay. Now we'll go with 81 then.
I know we did agree with 83.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You didn't do 81.

MR. LOCKHART: Right. Sorry.

MR. REXFORD: But it says we automatically
approve 81 then. How would that work?

MR. LOCKHART: I think you should probably move
to adopt 81 and take that up as well.

MR. ITTA: Right.

MR. REXFORD: Okay. We've heard from the staff
presenting 83 and Proposal 81, that they coincide. We are
we just approved the extending of the season for moose in
Unit 26A. And in conjunction with that, Proposal 81 provides
or prohibits or closes the use of aircraft in any manner for
hunting the moose during the open season of August -- or from
August 1 through March 31. So the Board -- the Chair
entertains a motion to approve Proposal 81 as it coincides with
Proposal 83.

MR. ITTA: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. REXFORD: It's been moved by Edward to
approve Proposal 81.

MR. UPICKSON: I'll second.

MR. REXFORD: Seconded by Gordon Upickson.
Discussion? Again, we'll summarize that Proposal 83 and 81 are
-- they coincide together to open the season for moose
hunting in Unit 26A. So any further discussion on this
proposal?

MR. TAGAROOK: Question.

MR. REXFORD: The question's called. All in

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favor of approving Proposal 81, do so by saying "aye"?

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ALL: Aye.

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MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Okay. Proposal 84 within our booklet has been withdrawn. And again, the justification was

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MR. LOCKHART: We're not sure

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MR. REXFORD: it was similar to

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MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir. I'm sorry. I shouldn't speak for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I don't know why they withdraw it, but our assumption is that it was -- it was an identical proposal, and so it was just withdrawn, but essentially it was the exact same thing as 83.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. All right. Thank you. We'll move on down to Proposal 85. Units 26A, B and C regarding sheep. Changing the curl restriction from 7/8ths to full curl. This proposal has been introduced or submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game. And Conrad?

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MR. GUENTHER: Yes. I'm Conrad Guenther. And, Mr. Chair, to give you an idea of what's happening with the sheep population throughout the Brooks Range, we think that as a result of a series of mild winters through the early and mid 1980s, the sheep population grew quite expansive, and so there were large numbers of sheep. Then in the late 80s, the population started to go into a decline. There's not really good data over most of the Brooks Range, but in the Hulahula drainage, for example, where population numbers have been monitored very carefully, there's been approximately a 50% decline in the sheep population in that area. It's generally felt that throughout the Brooks Range, there's been a significant decrease in the sheep population from the mid 80s. In fact, many of the biologists that are looking at sheep populations throughout the Brooks Range now feel the populations are down to what they were in the 70s, so there's been a fairly dramatic decline.

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Generally in the western part of the Brooks Range, the sheep populations tend to be of low to very low densities, and they're sort of scattered populations rather than uniform over the area. The more eastern part of the Brooks Range has moderate populations for the most part and some higher density populations, but again, even through that area the populations

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have fallen significantly from what they were in the mid 80s.

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2 We think that -- the sheep biologist feel that probably
weather is a factor here, and that hard winters have
significant impact on sheep populations. It's not thought that
probably hunting pressure has significantly impacted these
populations, but we really don't know for sure what the impacts
of hunting is.

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9 Now, what the problem is with the 7/8ths curl
restriction, when the 7/8th curl restriction was put into place
a number of years ago, with the current state of understanding
the biology and management of sheep at that time, it was felt
that this would -- was the best way to manage. Now more recent
data has shown that a full curl restriction actually is a much
more prudent management tool. And the reasons for that are
that they found that when there are smaller -- a large number
of smaller rams in a population, in other words rams as young
as six years -- and, by the way let me back up just a little
bit.

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21 Basically a 7/8ths curl ram in the Brooks Range is
about a seven-year-old ram. A full curl ram is approximately
an eight-year-old ram. This is a general rule.

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25 We discovered from some of the harvest data that's
available from the Brooks Range, that for the most about 20% of
the rams that are taken now are full curl rams, and the
remainder of the rams are 7/8ths curl rams. What this
indicates, since most hunters are taking larger rams as a
preference, this indicates that a high percentage of the larger
rams are continually taken out of the population, and there's a
large number of 7/8ths curl rams taken out of the population.

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34 Now, what happens when you take the 7/8ths curl and
larger rams out of the population is you leave a lot of six-
year-old rams. These six-year-old rams continue to harass the
ewes for a more extended period of time than older rams. Where
there are older rams in the population, they inhibit these
younger rams. In other words, if there's an older ram around,
he just doesn't let that six-year-old ram harass the ewes. So
it's very desirable to have 7/8ths curl and full curl rams in
the population. Now, because of the additional harassment of
ewes, they've found that there actually is less -- the survival
of ewes over the winter is poorer when there's more smaller
rams in a population. And so actually for ewe survival, it's
important to have 7/8ths curl rams in a population and full
curl rams.

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Also, in addition to less -- or to poorer ewe survival, there's actually a lower lambing rate in the spring. And we're not sure, but the biologists that are studying sheep feel that this long harassment by these six-year-old rams some ways -- in some way interferes with the ewe being able to carry the lamb, and so she will either reabsorb the embryo, or just because of harassment by a number of animals, doesn't get bred. The information just is not really available right now on exactly what happens. But we do know that lamb production is lower.

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10 In addition to that, there's some evidence that shows that in an area that allows only full curl harvest, that after several years, the number of sheep that can be harvested out of the population is actually greater than it is where there's only a 7/8ths curl harvest. Now this is some -- this is debated by sheepologists right now, and there are people on both sides of the fence. This is based on higher ewe survival and higher lamb survival, that even though you're harvesting full curl rams, you actually start building a bigger sheep population, and in several years there are more full curl rams available for harvest than if you are harvesting 7/8ths curl rams in a number of years.

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23 In the Brooks Range there's been -- there some problems with harvest reporting. To give you an idea: Over the last ten years, the reported harvest for all off Unit 26 is 1,569 sheep. That's reported harvest. Now, if we look back at the reported harvest figures for local harvest, over the last ten years 28 federally qualified subsistence harvesters, hunters in Unit 26, reported harvesting 17 sheep from seven major drainages. In subsistence studies that were done in 1986, there were 37 sheep harvested by residents of Kaktovik alone, and 14 sheep harvested by residents of Kaktovik in 1987. Barrow reported a harvest of 11 sheep in '87 and 11 sheep in '88. There were -- the reported harvest tickets of sheep from Barrow during those years was three rams. So there's a problem with nonreporting of overharvest. So we think probably this harvest reporting of 1,569 sheep is probably significantly under what the actual harvest has been, but we really don't know that.

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41 I guess what this really boils down to is no matter what the harvest is right now, we know that the Dall sheep population is declining significantly in the Brooks Range. It may be back to what it was back in the 70s, which maybe is where it normally should be as being regulated by winters. We don't know what all the problems are though that cause that population to go down. We think probably weather is the major one. We also have very good evidence that by allowing a full

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curl ram harvest, you have a better distribution of older rams, and it actually increases ewe survival. And so it seems prudent from a biological perspective to have a full curl harvest.

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5 Also, for your information, the State starting in '93 has started putting most of the Sate into a full curl harvest regime, and they've quit using the 7/8ths curl, because they found a full curl harvest they feel is more effective, in produce- -- having better sheep populations overall.

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11 That's all I have, Mr. Chair. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them. I have quite a lot more biological information.

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15 MR. TAGAROOK: Terry? Conrad?

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17 MR. GUENTHER: Conrad.

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19 MR. TAGAROOK: Are the predators a factor in the decline of the sheep?

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22 MR. GUENTHER: You know, predators always play a role in populations. Whether they're a significant factor in the decline, I don't think anybody has good information. They know that the sheep populations on the southside of the Brooks Range are not as good as they are on the north side of the Brooks Range, and it's felt that the lower population on the south side may be a result of increased predation on the south side of the range. There are more wolves and -- wolves particularly on the south side of the range than there are on the north side of the range.

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33 MR. TAGAROOK: So the wolves are playing an important role in the decline of the sheep?

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36 MR. GUENTHER: No, I don't -- that's -- I really couldn't say that. I don't know if they're playing an important role in the decline. Most of the studies would indicate that actually weather is a bigger factor in the decline, that if it was a factor of the winter -- winters staying as good as they were during the 70s and early 80s, particularly the early 80s, probably the wolf population would not be causing a decline in the sheep. The sheep populations would be up. So, you know, wolves do have an effect on over- all populations, but it doesn't appear in this case that wolves are being a factor in the decline. It's probably more related to weather.

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MR. TAGAROOK: Thank you.

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2 MR. UPICKSON: On that -- Mr. Chairman? On
that -- on the question you brought up earlier regarding
weather, and the declines, do you have any idea whether it's
caused by hunting or caused by bad weather that particular
year? You don't know whether that 7/8th curl requirement or
full curl requirement, whether that decline would have happened
regardless of what size? You don't know whether it's caused by
hunting,

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11 MR. GUENTHER: Yes, what

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13 MR. UPICKSON: the decline?

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15 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, the -- it appears
that the decline is probably -- most of the biologists that are
studying this feel that the weather played a significant factor
in the decline. Probably in Arctic areas of the Brooks Range
and in Arctic areas in other parts of the world, weather is a
bigger factor in sheep population declines than probably
anything else. It doesn't appear because of the number of
sheep that are reported taken by hunters, and even figuring
reported harvest into this, that the hunter harvest was high
enough over a large area to have caused the decline. We don't
think that's the case. Hunters may play some role in the
decline, the same as wolves may, but the best information right
now would imply that probably weather is the reason for the
declining population.

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30 If -- it's pretty speculative to say if there was a
full curl regulation in place eight years ago or ten years ago,
if the decline would have occurred. It probably would have
still occurred, because it was probably more highly weather
related than anything. The reason why the full curl
restriction is valuable here is that it helps the population
maintain higher levels, even when there are severe winters,
because you don't get these young rams harassing the ewes.

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39 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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41 MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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43 MR. UPICKSON: This hunting occurs mostly in
your area. What -- any comments on the facts and figures that
are being thrown around?

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47 MR. REXFORD: I know that either the ADF&G or
the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service just started conducting

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surveys, I think started last fall. Am I correct in the count
or the data was going to be happening?

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MR. GUENTHER: You know, Helen is more tuned
into what's happening with the subsistence surveys. The data
that I have was '86 and '87 data, so apparently there were some
subsistence surveys done by the State at that time.

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MR. REXFORD: Now, this was aerial surveys,
this was

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MR. GUENTHER: Oh, I'm sorry.

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MR. REXFORD: fairly recent.

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MR. GUENTHER: Yes. Yes, I'm sorry. I
misunderstood.

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MR. REXFORD: Fairly recent surveys that were
going to be done

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MR. GUENTHER: Yes.

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MR. REXFORD: either by the Federal
Government or the State Government to get an accurate count,
because

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MR. GUENTHER: Yes.

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MR. REXFORD: in two -- I think two years
ago, we brought this issue up when community harvest bag was
presented to the Federal subsistence Board, that the argument
was that if the sheep are declining, that C and -- customary
and traditional use would be put in place, or in essence ANILCA
would be regulated -- or be the regulation for decline of the
sheep. So in essence the Federal Subsistence Board I guess had
requested a survey, a video survey, a camera survey of some --
some kind of survey in the last Federal Subsistence Board was
discussed in depth. So those two issues are in line here.
Customary and traditional users and sport hunters making the
sheep count low. So that -- with that -- those opinions in
place, the Federal subsistence Board had requested some agency
to go out there in the Hulahula drainages, we were going to
define all of the drainages, but they specifically provided
only to the Hulahula drainages, so in essence we have the
ANILCA law and also, you know, declining population, and the
automatic customary and traditional uses come first. So that
was the issue. So I do not know, I was looking forward to
seeing a survey report on that matter. So the Federal

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Subsistence Board did take this issue up in trying to limit the community harvest as it's now two harvest limits by three each by designated hunter. So I wonder -- you know, I don't know what the numbers are. I know there is -- there is impact. There are a lot of hunters that come from Fairbanks or Anchorage.

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7 MR. UPICKSON: And that survey was done primarily in the Hulahula drainages, and that was the most frequented drainage out of your village and they were surveying just that particular drainage?

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12 MR. REXFORD: I think that one and there may be another one, too, but I'm not quite sure what -- which drainages those were.

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16 MR. UPICKSON: Uh-huh. So -- and another question, another point you brought out was that you don't know whether the -- how much effect the sports hunting has on the decline

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21 MR. REXFORD: That's correct.

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23 MR. UPICKSON: in the sheep population that he brought out. And how does full curl requirement affect subsistence hunting in Kaktovik, which would be the most affected community if this proposal was adopted?

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28 MR. REXFORD: It would have a definite impact. You notice that there are two seasons for the sheep in Unit 26. They have one season opening August 10th to the 20th. Definitely the residents could not make it on subsistence during that time.

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34 MR. UPICKSON: That's -- during that you'd need a helicopter.

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37 MR. REXFORD: That's right. And the other season opens from October 1 through the 30th to accommodate the residents of Kaktovik.

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41 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair?

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43 MR. REXFORD: Yes?

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45 MR. GUENTHER: This proposed regulation would only affect the August 10th through September 20th season. It would not affect the other season, the later season. It would only be in effect for that early season.

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1 MR. H. BROWER: The early season is addressing
the sport hunts.

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4 MR. GUENTHER: The State already has a
5 restriction that requires a full curl ram that they've put into
6 place. Mr. Chair, it's generally felt by the biologists that
7 I've talked to that the full curl regulation is just an
8 important regulation just to maintain a healthy sheep
9 population. There are a number of other issues I realize that
10 are involved with this.

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12 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Any other questions?

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14 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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16 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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18 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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20 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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22 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman, on this proposal,
23 it -- do you concur with the proposal for the Village of
24 ~~K~~aktovik?

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26 MR. REXFORD: Okay. (In Inupiaq)

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28 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, we take a break.

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30 MR. REXFORD: Okay. A ten-minute break.

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32 MR. UPICKSON: A ten-minute break.

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34 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you.

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40 MR. REXFORD: I'll call the meeting back to
41 order after a brief recess. Edward, do you have a question?

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43 MR. ITTA: Yeah. Mike, fill me in here on the
44 opening -- open season dates here in the prior one and then the
45 current proposal change. You have open seasons from August
46 10th to September 20, and October 1 to April 30. Are the
47 sports hunters disallowed between -- from October 1 to April
48 30, on that opening, or not?

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1 MR. LOCKHART: Bear with us a minute here,
 Mr. Chair. We'll look that up real quick. You're talking
 about under the State regulations? Let me

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 5 MR. REXFORD: Under the proposal.

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 7 MR. LOCKHART: look here very quickly.

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 9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, they're on -- they're on
 that Proposal 85.

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 12 MR. LOCKHART: Well, this season that you see
 there is a federal subsistence regulation. Now when you're
 talking about sport hunting, you're talking about what's
 available under the State hunting regulations, and that's what
 we're looking up.

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 18 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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 20 MR. LOCKHART: 26A. Okay. The -- 26A and B is
 one ram with full curl horn or larger, August 10th to September
 20th. And then Unit 26C is one ram with full curl horn or
 larger, August 10th to September 20th; and up to three sheep by
 registration permit only, October 1st to April 30th.

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 26 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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 28 MR. LOCKHART: So that is open to everybody
 under State hunting seasons regulations. And as

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 31 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh. So anybody in the State
 then can ask for that federal permit issuance also?

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 34 MR. LOCKHART: No. Again, under the -- if
 you're hunting under the federal subsistence regulations, we
 provide federal registration permits for people to hunt that's
 specific to our regulations. This is under the State season.
 We have not closed the State lands, I don't believe in that
 area for sheep hunting to other uses besides federal
 subsistence. So as it stands right now, somebody could hunt
 under the State regulations by a registration permit from the
 State from October 1st to April 30th.

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 44 MR. ITTA: And what's the limit on that? Three
 also or?

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 47 MR. LOCKHART: Three sheep. Three sheep. That
 means no horn restriction or anything.

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1 MR. ITTA: And you state in here your -- on our
2 ph) reason here by the ADF&G on reason for changing the regs
3 was to tie in the feds and the State, giving the rams the
4 needed protection?

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6 MR. LOCKHART: Again, that -- I think

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8 MR. ITTA: That's

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10 MR. LOCKHART: that only applies to the
11 August season.

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13 MR. ITTA: Okay. You said that's for full
14 curl, right?

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16 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir.

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18 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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20 MR. LOCKHART: But again that full curl only
21 for August 10th to September 20th.

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23 MR. ITTA: Okay. Give me a minute here,
24 Mr. Chair, I'd like to refer back to some comments that were in
25 here. Okay. I've got it. In the State regs, none of this
26 additional and customary determinations apply, right? In the
27 State?

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29 MR. LOCKHART: There -- well, again, the State
30 does have under their existing subsistence -- they have a
31 subsistence season, which is general and subsistence. They do
32 have recognized customary and traditional uses. However, under
33 the current State regulations regime, all Alaskans apply, so
34 under the State regulations, even though there's a customary
35 and traditional thing that was adopted, anybody in the State
36 can hunt. And in fact it's open -- well, actually the August
37 10th to September 20th season is open to nonresidents as well.
38 People that live outside of Alaska.

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40 MR. ITTA: When stocks are endangered and
41 whatnot, subsistence is going to take precedence and the people
42 at Kaktovik. It says down here on the discussion portion of
43 the staff analysis that "It should be noted only residents of
44 Aaktuvuk Pass, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut and Wiseman have positive
45 customary and traditional determinations in Unit 26A and B."
46 And then it goes on to say about the other ones for Unit 26C,
47 which also include Kaktovik. And I know that our mountains go
48 beyond our range into 23, over there on the western end, and

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again we -- we're trying to make things even. I mean, trying to be about the same with our colleagues and neighbors over there, and I know they have discussed this issue, and I'd like to hear -- you worked with them, right, Mike, over there?

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5 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, I

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7 MR. ITTA: And I'd like to hear, Mr. Chair, if
8 might what Region Eight is it? Yes. Northwest?

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10 MR. LOCKHART: Yes.

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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14 MR. UPICKSON: Yeah.

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16 MR. LOCKHART: Right.

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18 MR. ITTA: What their position was in regards
19 the 7/8ths full curl issue and the schedules here?

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21 MR. LOCKHART: Right. Thank you, Mr. Itta.

22. Chair, we did address several proposals last week in
23 Kotzebue. Two proposals for an area in Unit 23 dealt with the
24 same area, and one proposal by the Department -- Alaska
25 Department of Fish and Game was a recommendation for a full --
26 extension of full curl. The other proposal, by the National
27 Park Service for that same area was a 7/8ths curl. And the
28 Council recommended adoption of the proposal to continue the
29 -- the 7/8ths restriction instead of the full curl. So
30 they voted against the full curl for that portion of the
31 regulations.

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33 However, I think there was some confusion and probably
34 some mistaken -- we did not clearly articulate what was going
35 with Proposal 85, because Proposal 85 was also brought up to
36 that Council, and they showed great deference to concerns of
37 taking actions and impacting your region, Region Ten. And so
38 and as we identified on in Proposal 64, they wanted to defer
39 that decision to you. When we presented 85, which basically
40 covers 26, and, you know, it had some effect on their area,
41 they chose to adopt the regulation, or adopt the proposal,
42 which would institute a full curl restriction.

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44 Now, we have not got the transcripts, and to tell you
45 the truth, I'm a little bit confused on what happened with that
46 process, but I think certainly their intent early on was to
47 defer a lot of these decisions and talk to you about it, and I
48 think there may be some confusion on how 85 was actually

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presented to them, and their understanding of it, but the long and short of it is there's a contradiction. In one set of regulations that were very similar where they addressed it and looked at it in detail, they adopted -- they wanted not to adopt a full curl restriction, and in the case of 85, my understanding is the way they left is that they in fact did adopt the proposal, which would institute a full curl restriction.

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MR. ITTA: Okay. Koyana.

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Chalkyitsik?

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3 MR. UPICKSON: Chalkyitsik.

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Fort Yukon and Venetie.

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7 MR. ITTA: That's in regards to 26C. The C

8 section there.

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10 MR. LOCKHART: Right. That's correct.

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12 MR. UPICKSON: Oh, but they share the

13 same

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15 MR. ITTA: We have A and B.

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17 MR. UPICKSON: regulations, this adoption

18 of these regulation would impact them also.

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20 MR. LOCKHART: Well, Mr. -- you know, if that's

21 important, what I can do is maybe I can try and get ahold of

22 David James, who's the council coordinator for down there, and

23 find out how they responded to this proposal, because they have

24 already met.

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Maybe Steve would know.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Can I make a comment? I'm

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31 MR. REXFORD: Helen?

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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: This is Helen Armstrong.

34 I'm not absolutely certain that those village actually hunt up

35 here. That was the customary and traditional use

36 termination the State made which we just adopted. And we

37 haven't -- we're in the -- we're going to at some point look at

38 those to see if they're accurate, but I'm not -- I'd have to

39 say that I'm not sure that Arctic Village does hunt up there.

40 I mean, I've done some reading about that, and I'm pretty sure

41 that they don't, so that I don't know that it's such a concern.

42 And the same with probably Chalkyitsik and Fort Yukon, but,

43 you know, it's a little bit of a question.

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45 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, there were several

46 drainages that were discussed on the Federal Subsistence Board

47 this very matter, whether Arctic Village and Kaktovik on the

48 continental divide of the Hulahula drainages are fairly close

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to each other, and there were some in depth discussion on which drainages to survey that area.

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3 But at this time I -- if there are no further comments,
4 want to turn the chair over to Edward so I can make comments
5 as a resident and relay the messages from the residents of
6 Kaktovik on this hot matter or hot issue that we've come forth.
7 I think it was -- Mr. Chairman?

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9 MR. ITTA: Go ahead, I'll take over the meeting
10 and Member Fenton Rexford has the floor.

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12 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
13 This issue was a very heavily discussed issue with the Federal
14 Subsistence Board I think three years ago when this matter was
15 brought forth to not have a limit, a hunting limit or a bag
16 limit on sheep for the residents of Kaktovik. We at Kaktovik
17 had requested a community harvest strategy versus a bag of
18 three or two times three, a person can catch six sheep as a
19 designated hunter. Within -- following this through, I know
20 that the ADF&G and other agencies have listened to what our
21 concerns were to have a community harvest limit if the sheep,
22 number of sheep is down within the particular area, such as
23 Ullahula River.

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25 I would incline to oppose this proposal, defer it and
26 by and put forth a community harvest strategy versus this
27 issue of six sheep for designated hunters. Rather than give it
28 to some individuals, we as a community when we go after sheep,
29 done as a community, not one person gets -- goes home and
30 keeps his three sheep. It is all shared with the community.
31 That is why in this sense we were looking for a community
32 harvest for Kaktovik area.

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34 Working with Eric Smith of RURALCAP, we had argued --
35 wanted to argue with the Federal Subsistence Board that under
36 ANILCA law, if the numbers of animals were -- are down, that
37 the subsistence hunters have priority. I wanted to try to this
38 regulations for a while, and I want to hear from the Community
39 of Kaktovik how this has been going, and I've heard several
40 hunters mention that the procedures for issuing and reporting
41 and taking of sheep is not quite developed yet with the
42 residents or within our area of Kaktovik. That has to be
43 worked out yet.

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45 But I wanted the Board to know that we visited this
46 three years ago to argue rather than have harvest of three
47 sheep by designated or up to six sheep, and to come forth with
48 community harvest strategy for the Kaktovik area. So that --

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I'm sure that the residents of Kaktovik are still in favor of a community harvest strategy versus taking of up to two harvest limits of six sheep in total. So we know that this is a very controversial issue that has not been implemented by the Federal Subsistence Board, that if the numbers are down, to close other hunting and provide for customary and traditional by the residents of Kaktovik. So with that I'll conclude and thank you.

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MR. ITTA: Yeah, thank you.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. ITTA: Go ahead, Allen.

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MR. UPICKSON: Gordon. A question for

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MR. ITTA: I mean Gordon, I'm sorry.

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MR. UPICKSON: Fenton. Fenton, what you're saying is you don't want to adopt proposal 85, because the fact that you be -- you want to address the community harvest issue rather than a change in regulations as proposed in Proposal 85? You're saying that your community's concerns are in line with a community harvest rather than the -- with the -- adopting proposal 85 wouldn't address your community's desires to have a community harvest?

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MR. REXFORD: That's true, Gordon.

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MR. ITTA: I'd like to -- Go ahead, Mike.

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MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, Mr. Chair, just as a matter of protocol, and what I'd recommend, and again, this is just on the basis of how to formulate basis and get recommendations and get the message through, I'd recommend that you look at 85 on the basis of the merits of Proposal 85 and reject or adopt that or modify that. And if there's additional issues that really aren't -- if we're not getting to the type of hunting strategy that we need, then you can formulate that as a second recommendation, but I'd -- it would be a lot cleaner rather than modifying this proposal, because it only talks about horn restrictions, to address it on the basis of the merit of the proposal itself, and then make a recommendation for some alternative strategy. I'm sorry?

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, go ahead. Are you done?

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MR. LOCKHART: Well, and the only other thing I

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was going to say

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I'm sorry.

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MR. LOCKHART: is, Mr. Itta, I think -- I don't know who brought up the question about the other communities outside of Region Ten, but -- and I neglected to think about it, Steve Ulvi is back here, and he's a resource that we can use. He was at that meeting and he has some familiarity, so if you want to call on him, he's available.

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MR. UPICKSON: Another question.

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MR. ITTA: Go ahead.

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MR. UPICKSON: Proposal 85 as proposed here, how does it affect the existing hunting of sheep in your area, going from 7/8ths to full curl, even though you're opposed to it, but how would that affect your community, Fenton?

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MR. REXFORD: It says here that we'll benefit from the recovery of the sheep population, but I know restricting from 7/8ths to a full curl will make it more difficult. Make it more difficult for the residents of Kaktovik to look for a full curl rather than a 7/8th curl.

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MR. UPICKSON: And that's going to be true, that's going to make it harder for the sportsmen hunters, but then that won't solve the fact that your subsistence hunting efforts would be a lot harder?

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MR. REXFORD: That's correct. We may

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MR. UPICKSON: And then back to the issue of ANILCA, the intent of ANILCA, where subsistence rights of the subsistence users should be addressed as opposed to making new hunting regulations to address it.

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MR. REXFORD: That's correct.

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MR. ITTA: We have a hand up back behind there. Mike, maybe he can sit down there for the record. Please state your name?

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MR. ULVI: My name is Steve Ulvi, and I work with the National Park Service at Gates of the Arctic National Bank, and I really appreciate the -- your analysis and discussion, particularly of Fenton's concerns from Kaktovik.

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Our concerns at Gates of the Arctic with Proposal 85, and with all of the proposals, as you know, the State has pretty much statewide proposed that all 7/8ths curl ram seasons be upped to full curl, we're concerned that that does not provide an adequate subsistence opportunity, if you have sports hunting and subsistence competing for the same populations.

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For the Park, we have such strict eligibility requirements that we allow three sheep of any sex and any horn size during the long season, but only for people of those communities up there that have eligibility in the Park. But for the Preserve, in the Upper Itkillik drainage, we allow sports hunting there, and it seems from what we know that very few people from Anaktuvuk or Wiseman come into the Upper Itkillik to hunt sheep. Most of their sheep hunting occurs outside of that area, so I don't think we have a real competitive problem there. But I have talked to people in Anaktuvuk and Wiseman, and there are -- those people are very concerned with, just as Fenton was saying, that if you go to a full curl, as you well know if you're sheep hunters, often your dog rams hang together in pretty inaccessible places, but oftentimes 7/8ths curl are out and a little more accessible. And there are people that are very concerned that going to a full curl is a restriction on the subsistence opportunity. And we feel at the Park, that although we don't have a real problem in any particular area, because we have stringent eligibility requirements to hunt in the Park, that we feel though for the Preserve, the Itkillik Preserve, that it is an issue.

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And I personally after being involved with subsistence management and subsistence for 20 years in this State, I personally think this is a classic case of where if there's a harvest of 1500 sheep and only five or 10% of that harvest is for subsistence, that on federal lands, we shouldn't be looking at bumping it from 7/8ths curl up to full curl, because that restricts the subsistence opportunity. We ought to be looking at bumping the sport opportunity down. And that's just the way I see it.

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MR. ITTA: Thank you for your comments there. I'm going to ask if there's any more comments? We have another hand up there. Please state your name for the record.

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MR. KURTH: I'm Jim Kurth, with Fish and Wildlife Service. And I wanted to make sure that we all understand the regulations as they exist. You know, the season 26C I think where Kaktovik people hunt mostly, from October 31st to April 30th, there is no curl restriction right now. They can take any three sheep, or as Fenton mentioned, with a

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designated hunter up to six sheep. This proposal would not put any curl restriction on during that season. It still would be any three sheep.

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4 Maybe what would be helpful is to go back to the day when the federal program started, and one of the things that happened is we just assimilated all of the State's regulations, and so a lot of the things that are in our regulations are some remnants of sport hunting, and we all know that in the Brooks Range that August 10th through September 20th is when all the sport hunters come to the Brooks Range.

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12 Our understanding really was is that Kaktovik people didn't hunt that season too much. That really wasn't their customary time. But the logic was, well, if there's a season open, then we might as well leave it in the subsistence regulations anyway, in case that some -- you know, one or two people maybe wanted to. But our notion always was with the subsistence part was later, and there wasn't meant to be a horn curl restriction on the subsistence season. And that's the way it still will be. So really we're -- all this talk in 26C about curl restrictions is just for that part that really was the sports season that we never really viewed as Kaktovik's subsistence time, but we left in there, because we figured if a season is open, everyone should go.

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26 MR. ITTA: Is that definition clearly defined in writing somewhere so that residents of Kaktovik know in fact that they don't have a curl restriction?

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30 MR. KURTH: The regulations, I will admit, oftentimes can be confusing. It should be clear that during the October 1 through

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34 MR. ITTA: Right.

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36 MR. KURTH: through April 30th, there is no curl restriction in 26C for residents of Kaktovik. And we can look, if it doesn't appear clear in the book or the regulations, we can try and make sure that it reads more clearly.

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42 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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44 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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46 MR. UPICKSON: A question for Fenton. Fenton, was that your community's understanding, that there -- that season opening had no restriction on curl requirements?

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1 MR. REXFORD: That is true, Mr. Upickson.

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3 MR. UPICKSON: And so your primary concern was
4 that you would like to address the community harvest concept?

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6 MR. REXFORD: Rather than individual.

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8 MR. UPICKSON: Rather than individual. For
9 8ths curl requirement, you wouldn't

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11 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, the -- Mr. Chairman, if I
12 may further extrapolate on that issue of community harvest? We
13 as the City of Kaktovik submitted a proposal, with the
14 assistance of North Slope Borough, to have a community harvest
15 strategy, because we knew we were as a community breaking the
16 laws that were set forth to us, which we were never was
17 introduced in Kaktovik area. The reason for a community
18 harvest strategy, years and years and years the community as a
19 whole went up in October, September, when the -- when it was
20 readily available to get across the island. As a community,
21 they harvested and brought back as a community the sheep to
22 share with the whole community. That is why we were in favor
23 of community harvest strategy versus individual bag limits.
24 And we still stand at a community harvest strategy rather than
25 individual bag limits, and that is why we -- we're in
26 opposition of Proposal 85.

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28 I would urge the Council here to not pass Proposal 85,
29 and summarize that the City of Kaktovik area wanted a community
30 harvest strategy versus individual bag limits, and our
31 arguments are if the sheep is declining, and you're restricting
32 to a full curl, that -- and we know the numbers are
33 declining, that the ANILCA law should be -- should be
34 implemented on that basis, to -- and we should -- I urge the
35 Council to send that message to the Federal Subsistence Board,
36 that the City of Kaktovik area residents are still wishing for
37 community bag limit versus individual.

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39 MR. UPICKSON: Another

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41 MR. ITTA: Go ahead.

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43 MR. UPICKSON: Another point I want -- I
44 understand what Mr. Rexford is saying, that the concept of
45 community harvest. At Point Lay annually we harvest beluga.
46 We hunt beluga as a community. And to my knowledge, this
47 concept of community harvest has only come up twice, in their
48 case of hunting sheep as a community when it freezes enough to

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cross -- get off their island. That concept I can understand, because in the springtime, in July, my community as a group harvests their beluga. And not one guy, not two boats. Nobody hunts like that. We hunt as a community, the whole community. That's how we harvest our beluga. And we share. The concept of sharing still applies to our community harvest of belugas. Everybody in the village shares. So I agree 100% with your desire for a community harvest concept rather than the individual 7/8ths or full curl which applies here in Proposal 95.

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11 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair, if I may? Are you
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14 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, I'm

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16 MR. ITTA: Do you think you're done with your
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20 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, I

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22 MR. ITTA:so you don't have too much of a
conflict handling the chair and being objection.

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25 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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27 MR. ITTA: If I could, I'll hand the chair
back,

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30 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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32 MR. ITTA: and then I have a comment I'd
like to -- As -- right now as the current regulations stand in
relation to community harvest, and maybe you can help clarify
this, or somebody, the -- under our -- the current existing
regs that the -- the exception is made for residents of the
City of Kaktovik and then goes on and says, "Kaktovik residents
may harvest sheep in accordance with a federal community
harvest strategy for Unit 26C which provides for take of up to
400 harvest limits of three sheep by designated hunter.
Procedures for federal permit issuance and community reporting
will be mutually developed by Kaktovik and federal
representatives prior to the season opening." How -- how did
this language of "two harvest limits of three sheep each come
to be"? Can somebody answer that?

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47 MR. KURTH: Yes. I

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MR. ITTA: I think what -- And I also would just like to refocus this and say we're dealing essentially right now, Proposal 85 is just changing from 7/8ths to full curl, and I like what I've been hearing, but to -- if we didn't pass this, my point is that the community harvest as Fenton sees it, would still be the same way, is that correct? Mike?

MR. KURTH: Yeah. I

MR. ITTA: So what we would need to do to correct would then to -- is either reject this and resubmit a whole different proposal that deals with the community harvest issue? Is that about the way the process would work?

MR. KURTH: I think that, as Mike suggested, you know, you should probably decide

MR. ITTA: Maybe I asked too many questions within my question.

MR. KURTH: Well, I think we're on a very important train here. You should decide whether or not you like the curl restriction proposal or not, and then it's appropriate, if you want to give the Board recommendations about community harvest, that also is appropriate.

Maybe if we can go back to the Board meeting for a minute that Fenton talked about, you know, it's one of these things that, you know, we're still learning how to do this subsistence management business, and I don't think we claim to know it all. The Board recognized I think the essence of what Fenton and others have been trying to tell them about the way people hunt sheep in Kaktovik, and that is that people harvest for more than just their own needs, and certain hunters are the sheep hunters for the community, and they provide for many. But it was a struggle to try and figure out, well, how do we have a system that will allow for that, but still protect sheep, because everyone I think is concerned that we don't want to take all the sheep from one drainage, for example, and I -- and I know that, you know, Fenton has heard this before. And what the Board did I think was endorse the notion that we need to look to provide for the community's harvest of sheep in Kaktovik, and they considered this idea of a designated hunter as one way to get at that, that the hunters aren't necessarily just hunting for themselves. This would allow each person in a hunting party to take six, and knowing that that wasn't just for them, but for them to share. That was the Board's attempt to think to move closer to what the people in Kaktovik want, and something that responds to how they hunt.

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1 I don't think that we feel like we've gotten all the
 2 way there and been responsive, but the Board I think does
 3 recognize what happens there, and I think we need to continue
 4 to work more closely with Kaktovik to make sure that we protect
 5 the sheep and not take them all from one area and to get a
 6 system that is more responsive to how you hunt. And I don't
 7 think we claim to be all the way there yet, but I think it's
 8 better than it was, and it probably hasn't worked as well as
 9 what we all had thought, and quite frankly, I don't think we
 10 followed up as closely as what the Board probably wanted us to
 11 with the people from Kaktovik.

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13 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman?

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15 MR. REXFORD: Terry?

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17 MR. TAGAROOK: What Conrad said earlier,

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19 MR. REXFORD: I'm sorry, Helen will be next
 20 after she's had her hand up.

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22 MR. TAGAROOK: What Conrad said earlier about
 23 the decline of the sheep, and that getting a full curl rams
 24 would be, well, just like wiping out the bulls, you know, that
 25 would keep a healthy population up with that full curl proposal
 26 put on, that would mean that getting rid of the healthy
 27 bulls and depleting -- I mean, not depleting, but that would be
 28 the decline of the healthy population of sheep. I think that
 29 full curl should be stricken out or just not approved of this
 30 proposal.

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32 MR. GUENTHER: Mr. Chair, could I respond to
 33 that?

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35 MR. ITTA: Helen and (in Inupiaq)

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37 MR. REXFORD: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry, Conrad,
 38 Helen had her hand up for

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, let -- it's -- he can
 41 respond. That's okay.

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43 MR. REXFORD: Go ahead, Conrad.

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45 MR. GUENTHER: What I was saying, and
 46 apparently I didn't make myself very clear on this, but by
 47 allowing a full curl harvest only, the 7/8ths curl rams are
 48 large enough rams so that they play a major role in keeping

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these six-year-old rams, these younger rams, from harassing the ewes into the winter. So it's not a matter of just keeping full curl rams, but at least keeping 7/8ths curl rams.

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4 One of the things that happens is where you have a 5/8ths curl harvest, most of the full curl rams are harvested anyway, but a high percentage of 7/8ths curl rams are also harvested. With a full curl only harvest, then you've got all of your 7/8ths curl rams playing that mature ram role. Is that more clear?

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11 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes.

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13 MR. ITTA: Okay. Can I add to that?

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15 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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17 MR. ITTA: You know, like everybody's saying, we're new to this, too, and we know there's pros and cons and predators, weather, whatever, that play all an interested part in decline and

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22 MR. GUENTHER: Uh-huh.

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24 MR. ITTA: in the -- or whatever, the fate of whichever animal species we may have. I -- my concern kind of is echoed here, is that ANILCA will take over once certain numbers are reached here, and we'll always insure that subsistence users are going to be protected. On the other hand, sports hunters seem to always kind of find a way to get their interest taken care of first, and these kind of measures get put on us, when in fact I think there should be more information or whatever, or some control put on the general sports hunting aspects of the -- whatever species they may be. And in this case we're talking sheep. And I don't know if more regulations like this, when it's been 7/8ths for so long, 86 a full curl, are going to make that much of a difference. I mean, I wouldn't even know other than just what I'm hearing. But my point is that if there's a concern whether -- I mean, full curl or 7/8ths isn't all that big of a deal to me. I think sports hunters aspects of it should be looked at as one subject and then subsistence use as another.

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43 And I support wholeheartedly what Fenton -- his point about the community hunt is kind of tied into this, and yet 45's tied into the 7/8ths/full curl thing also, even though we're speaking specifically about full curl and what not, and 47'd like to see some other proposal be submitted that addresses some of those concerns a little more clearly. I think, you

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know, obviously our colleagues, neighbors to the Northwest over there have some differences of opinion about just what should be going on, and we've got other agencies that are giving their best shot at it, and giving the pros and cons on why not or why.

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6 But I'm especially leery of things that we may do in 26C that our other southern neighbors down here are affected by our actions also. So I'd ask Mike, at the regional meeting with all chairs there, that these kind of proposal be put forth, and we'll have our own reason why we turned it down at that time, but then there might be some other opportunity somewhere to do a version of this Proposal 85.

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14 MR. LOCKHART: Well, Mr. Chair, the process that we have before us has some very rigid time lines in terms of public review periods that we're operating under right now. There's nothing that prevents you when you get to your meeting in April of collectively looking at these things and making some sort of joint assessments of what the impacts are on the users, and during your presentations to the Board regarding these proposals, you can bring up that information. New information that has, you know, come about through discussions with the chairs, with the joint -- with the other chairs.

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25 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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27 MR. LOCKHART: That's perfectly legitimate, you know. But unfortunately in terms of developing, trying to get all the input from all the councils and the public and everything and into a rational process for how we would gather information and make recommendations to the Board, we're kind of going along this way. And we hope that, you know, as these council meetings occur, we put proposals that affect you that maybe actually sent in for another region, but may have some effects, those are in the booklets, and they're addressed by all the other councils. And, again, the example is what happened in Region Eight last week is a good concern that I think we need to be more careful about how the councils interact with each other on a similar proposal.

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41 MR. UPICKSON: Another question, Mr. Chair?

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43 MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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45 MR. UPICKSON: The community harvest strategy concept I know is the one that you were concerned about. Are you -- is your community concerned about the harvest limit of three sheep per designated hunter or in the community harvest

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concept, are you uncomfortable with a limit of three sheep by each designated hunter, or which -- what part of -- are either one of the regulations that will affect or stick to these limits if we adopt 85?

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MR. UPICKSON: Because they're mentioned here in this proposal also.

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah, Gordon, could somebody maybe want to have to correct me. This happened three years ago. Harry, you might want to help me out on this, working with Eric Smith of RURALCAP, working with the City of Kaktovik, knew that we were violating the regulations as a community. Rather than have individual bag limits, we proposed to the Federal Subsistence Board a community bag limit, although we see the community harvest strategy here. We wanted a community bag limit, and the numbers started coming up, or started being deliberated. The population of the sheep. In essence several agencies, I don't know how many agencies, whether one or two agencies, were authorized or mandated to do a survey of the Nulahula drainages, the Okpilak drainages, and those around Arctic Village. They further deliberated and came up with this designated hunter strategy for Kaktovik, so in essence our original proposal would still stand to the Federal Subsistence Board. We wanted to run this through for a while.

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And we know that the City of Kaktovik had the opportunity had the opportunity to comment on this particular proposal 85 by the ADF&G, and their analyses, or final analyses and conclusion is based on the number of sheep declining due to weather, so they're going to restrict it to a full curl, to have the sheep population go back up. So if that is the case, we argued, ANILCA law should be implemented, and that is why, Edward, partially to your question, why this community harvest six was brought forth, and I don't know if the data gathering has commenced, or I don't know what federal agency proceeded with that or not, to address this very issue,

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MR. UPICKSON: Okay. And how does your community feel about the harvest limit of three sheep? Supposing only six people go out on a community harvest, would they'd be only allowed only three sheep per hunter as compared to like say 16 of you guys went out on a community harvest. Are you comfortable with a limit of three sheep for a community harvest per designated hunter?

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MR. REXFORD: Previously, I may be corrected also, I think the harvest limit was three, the original proposal. So in essence they came up with this designated Hunter to allow someone, maybe a senior citizen that could not go up there, and designate his son to catch my three sheep for me. They upped it by that much, by another three versus the community bag limit. So we're -- we're trying this out, and I know that the Community of Kaktovik would still stand for that community harvest versus this present proposal or this existing regulation.

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11 Helen?

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: My question is that I think if you go forward with a request to the Board for a community harvest limit, that -- or community bag limit, that they'll ask what that limit should be, like we've done in Lime Village, and I wondered if you have some sense of how many sheep, you know, in the worse case, you know, or maybe on the average, I'm not sure how they would look at it, but I think you need to be thinking about that, because the Federal Subsistence Board would ask that question: How many sheep would Kaktovik want?

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MR. REXFORD: Yeah, we correlated that very -- that very issue. We went as far as saying when we correlated with the bowhead whale. They gave us a quota,

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. REXFORD: you know, the history of International Whaling Commission providing a quota for the whole Arctic. There are a certain number of bowhead out there, you're allowed, what, 10% or whatever

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MR. ITTA: Not even.

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MR. H. BROWER: One percent of the

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MR. REXFORD: whatever they -- whatever the count of a species is, you get so many percent. And I think that would -- we -- what we argued for. I wouldn't be comfortable in naming a number at this time without first knowing what the number of sheep that we could take. I mean, what's available in those drainages.

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MR. UPICKSON: You don't want to overharvest

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MR. REXFORD: We -- that's -- you know,

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correlating it with the bowhead whale, if they are going to restrict us, you know, restrict the sports hunters first. Do it -- I think that's what they wanted to do, a data, and then see what the numbers were. We didn't give an answer at that time either, so I

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6 MR. UPICKSON: And is your community comfortable with the proposed procedures for a federal permit issuance and community reporting that will be mutually developed later?

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11 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Gordon,

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13 MR. UPICKSON: That's another question, that they would be comfortable?

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16 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Gordon, that -- I talked with the people this morning about any issues that they wanted to discuss. The procedures for federal permit issuance and community reporting was supposed to be developed between the Naktovik residents and the -- I don't know what agency would be the leading agency.

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23 MR. LOCKHART: Fish and Wildlife.

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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Fish and Wildlife.

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27 MR. UPICKSON: It would be Fish and Wildlife?

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29 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir.

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31 MR. REXFORD: The procedures were not implemented, so -- that was one of the points

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34 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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36 MR. REXFORD: that needed to be clarified or implemented, too. Edward?

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39 MR. ITTA: I know we're getting the community harvest strategy kind of tied into this whole thing, but I'm going to make a motion to put this proposal on the floor and either vote it up or down at this time. So I move to at this time put Proposal 85 before the Board for approval or disapproval, and I so move.

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46 MR. UPICKSON: I second Edward's motion on whether or disapprove Proposal 85.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. And

MR. TAGAROOK: Question.

MR. REXFORD: discussion? I will -- I think it's proper if I turn the chair over to Edward to make some comments from

MR. ITTA: Okay. I have the chair.

MR. REXFORD: from the residents of Kaktovik. I want to bring that issue up again, three years ago that the Community of Kaktovik wanted a community harvest rather than individual bag limits. And our arguments were to allow a community harvest for Kaktovik, and questions were brought forth by the Board members, "How many sheep -- or what is the number that you are looking for?" Further deliberations, I wanted some agencies to do -- to do a survey and find out what the number of the sheep were in there.

So in essence, restricting from 7/8ths to full curl indicates to me that the population of sheep needs to recover. And based on that assumption, allow it will be a benefit for us, so the sheep may recover by restricting it to a full length curl, I'm in opposition of this proposal.

MR. ITTA: Okay. Harry Brower, Junior?

MR. H. BROWER: Yes, I'd like to concur with Fenton's statement there, because at -- you know, at that time they were doing -- addressing this community restriction, or community harvest limit strategy for Kaktovik, that it was not an argument there whether to get a community number to address the concerns, you know, on -- I don't know if it's on an as-needed basis or really how to address that. I'm not sure. But my point would be that I'd concur with Fenton on this proposal. Adding additional restrictions to sheep hunt doesn't really address their concern as, you know, to provide for the community, and then, to weigh in the sport hunt issues. I don't think that's right. I think if they're going to add additional restrictions on to increase the population, the first step should be to eliminate the sport hunt.

MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chair?

MR. ITTA: Gordon?

MR. UPICKSON: Another issue that Fenton REXford brought up was the -- how do we come up with a

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comfortable harvest limits when we don't know the population. That figure was never -- they were never given a figure, 2Here's the number of sheep we have," and to propose -- and Proposal 85 addresses the harvest limit of three sheep by a 4designated hunter. I don't think they want to be stuck with 5that, when in fact they don't know the total number of 6harvestable sheep there is without reference to this 7/8ths or 7ull curl.

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MR. ITTA: Okay.

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MR. ITTA: Terry?

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MR. UPICKSON: Uh-huh.

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MR. REXFORD: No.

MR. ITTA: Harry?

MR. H. BROWER: No.

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1 MR. ITTA: Jim Allen?

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3 MR. AVEOGANNA: No.

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5 MR. ITTA: Terry?

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7 MR. TAGAROOK: No.

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9 MR. ITTA: Gordon?

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11 MR. UPICKSON: No.

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13 MR. ITTA: And myself, no. Proposal 85 fails
14 for the reasons stated. Okay. I give the chair back to our
15 chairman.

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17 MR. REXFORD: Thank you, Edward. We're down to
18 proposals 86, 87, and 88, and those all coincide, so maybe
19 we'll

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21 MR. ITTA: Which ones? 86 and what? Eighty-
22 even?

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24 MR. REXFORD: Eighty-six, 87 and 88 are all the
25 same species. I think we could take -- tackle those in
26 sequence.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm going to be dealing with
29 these. As Mr. Chairman has pointed out, these are all dealing
30 with the same resource. They're dealing with musk ox in Unit
31 25C.

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33 Proposal 86 was proposed by the Kaktovik City Council,
34 and they've asked for a change in the season from October 1st
35 to October 31st and March 1st to March 31st, they've asked that
36 be changed from October 1st to March 31st. Proposal 87
37 comes from Robert J. Thompson. And I assume -- is he from
38 Kaktovik?

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40 MR. REXFORD: Yes.

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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. And he's asked for a
43 change to November 1st through March 31st rather than October
44 1st through March 31st.

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46 Proposal 88 I'm going to -- it also deals with musk ox,
47 but I'm going to deal with that one last. I think we'll deal
48 with just 86 and 87 together, because they both deal with a

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change in the season.

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2 We have -- this is -- there's a little bit of history
3 so this, that last October I guess it was, we had a request
4 from the -- I think it was from the City of Kaktovik. I'm not
5 sure if it was from them or from -- it was from some people in
6 Kaktovik, asking that the -- there be an emergency opening to
7 extend the season by two weeks I think it was. Well, they were
8 given two weeks. I'm not sure what they -- whether they
9 requested a whole month or not. And there's been quite a bit
10 of debate about this.

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12 We have here today Pat Reynolds from the Arctic Refuge,
13 and she's our expert on musk oxen. I wanted to ask her to give
14 some of the biological background, rather than me trying to
15 summarize it, if that's okay with you?

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17 MR. REXFORD: That's fine. Thank you.

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Pat, do you want to
20 come up?

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22 MR. REXFORD: Are we going to then proceed with
23 proposal 86?

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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Eighty-six and 87
26 together,

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28 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: since they both deal
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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Page 32.

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35 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: it's -- they both deal
36 with season change.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Are you on page 32 then?

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Uh-huh. Yes.

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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44 MS. REYNOLDS: My name is Patricia Reynolds.
45 I'm a biologist with the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, U.S.
46 Fish and Wildlife Service. I've been working on musk oxen for
47 the past 12 years in the Kaktovik area on the group of musk
48 oxen that lives in Unit 26C.

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1 And some of the things that I've found out about the
 2 musk ox, and I thought might be of interest to you, I would
 3 also be interested in any comments or questions that you have.
 4 Perhaps you have information that might be relevant to me, so
 5 I would hope that if you do have any questions at any time,
 6 just call them out, and I'll try to answer them the best way
 7 that I can.

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 9 MR. UPICKSON: You're speaking on behalf of
 10 Proposal 88?

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 12 MS. REYNOLDS: This is

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 14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Eighty-six and 87.

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 16 MS. REYNOLDS: 86 and 87.

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 18 MR. ITTA: Eighty-six.

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 20 MR. UPICKSON: Eighty-six and 87, not 88?

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 22 MS. REYNOLDS: And eighty- -- well, 88 I can --
 23 can address that as well, if you'd like, because the
 24 information I'm providing is from the biological perspective of
 25 the animals.

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 27 As probably most of you know, the musk oxen in Arctic
 28 Alaska probably disappeared about the middle of last century.
 29 Since that time, there was concern that the species might
 30 disappear worldwide, and so there was an effort to bring them
 31 back to Alaska in the 1930s when animals were acquired and
 32 brought to Nunivak Island, and released on that island, and
 33 then later survivors of that population were released on the
 34 North Slope. One of the first releases of animals was in
 35aktovik in 1969, and on the Kavik River in 1970. Probably a
 36 total of maybe 35 to 50 animals survived and have resulted in
 37 the population that's there today.

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 39 The things that I've been looking at in terms of the
 40 musk ox in the last 12 years are to find out what the
 41 population is doing in the area, and also where the animals are
 42 going and where they're living. So we're interested in knowing
 43 what -- how many offspring they were having, how the survival
 44 rates were occurring, and what the population -- whether the
 45 population was in fact growing.

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 47 The second thing in terms of looking at how animals --
 48 what areas animals were living in, I'm interested in looking at

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areas in which animals utilize both in the winter and the summer, and also new areas that animals might be moving into. So that's been the direction that my investigations have taken over the past 12 years.

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5 I've also had an opportunity since 1987 to look at animals in detail by following them with satellite telemetry, much like the satellite telemetry you've had on some seals here, so I could get detailed information on both movements and distribution movements, and activity patterns of animals throughout the year.

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12 And the kind of information that I've seen with these animals, first of all, the population, if I could just show you this figure in terms of population growth, in ANWR, or in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, here's a picture of the entire population growth in -- this is within the Refuge itself. We saw a very rapid increase from these few animals that were released, and then we've seen in the last -- since about '86, the population's kind of gone up and down, but it's not increasing really at a rapid rate within the refuge at this time.

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23 It's interesting to note that in fact the animals settled into three areas in the refuge. One was directly -- pretty close to Kaktovik, along the Sadlerochit River, which is think for most of you familiar with that, certainly, that's an area where musk oxen are still living today. That's where some of the animals settled almost immediately. Another area which they settled almost immediately was over towards the Ganning River, on the Tamayariak River, and a third area between the Jago and the Niguanak Rivers. And so we've seen actually three little populations of animals from this original group that was released. Three little groups of animals started out and then continued to grow. And these are in three different geographic areas. Now, as they've grown over time, they've shifted the areas in which they live. They're now moving into new areas, and they're moving into areas where we haven't seen them before, including some areas to the west, outside the Refuge.

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41 The concerns I've had in terms of the population numbers, if you divide the Refuge into three areas, you can see the population in these three areas again, like the total population, increased rapidly, and then like this is the furthest west zone over by the Ganning River, this is -- has shown some decline, and then started back up again. In the zone where most people in Kaktovik have taken animals during the hunting in the last few years, again an increase, and then

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a kind of stabilization of the numbers, and then the numbers actually are a little lower now than they have been. Yes?

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3 MR. UPICKSON: Yes. A question on Kaktovik.
4 There's no records prior to '86 about the harvesting of
5 any?

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct.

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9 MR. UPICKSON: Okay. That decline on the graph
10 there in that area by Kaktovik, where does 1986 come in on your
11 graph?

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13 MS. REYNOLDS: 1986 is right here.

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15 MR. UPICKSON: Okay. There were no records
16 kept, in fact could they have been hunted in the previous 12,
17 ten years, and there was an increase anyway?

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19 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, the hunting actually
20 started I believe in '83.

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22 MR. UPICKSON: Okay. And there was

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24 MS. REYNOLDS: There was no hunting prior to
25 1983.

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27 MR. UPICKSON: Okay. So there was --

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30 MR. REXFORD: By sports hunters by '83?

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32 MS. REYNOLDS: That's when the State harvests
33 started was 1983.

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35 MR. REXFORD: Kaktovik residents just started
36 reporting their harvest, because they were allowed in '87, '88
37 season.

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39 MR. UPICKSON: Okay. So in fact they may
40 have

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42 MS. REYNOLDS: They started in -- right. So
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45 MR. REXFORD: So that's why there was no -- I
46 don't even know why it's not there,

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48 MR. UPICKSON: So they could have been

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22nowledge, there was no hunting between 1969 when the animals
23ere released and 1983 when the State started a harvest --
24started a limited hunt. So

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27 And in zone three, we see numbers increasing, and
28they're still increasing. And this -- what this shows, I
29think, is not only that animals -- they're shifting the places
30they live in, and so we have some animals that lived for a long
31time on Sadlerochit River that are now moving into new areas,
32so that as the population grows, things are changing in terms
33of population numbers.

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MR. REXFORD: I mean, why it's recorded

MR. UPICKSON: way before

MS. REYNOLDS: Well, there -- to my knowledge,
that there was no hunting from the time period of 1969 to

MR. UPICKSON: So in your graph you show a
fluctuation

MS. REYNOLDS: In numbers.

MR. UPICKSON: in population after you
started recording, when in fact they may have been hunting ten
years prior to the time you started recording?

MS. REYNOLDS: To my knowledge, there was no
hunting prior to 1983. There was no hunting -- there was no
hunting permitted. There may have been poaching. To my
knowledge, there was no hunting between 1969 when the animals
were released and 1983 when the State started a harvest --
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so that as the population grows, things are changing in terms
of population numbers.

MR. UPICKSON: So those declines in population
in one area may be

MS. REYNOLDS: The result of animals moving.

MR. UPICKSON: because of the fact that
they moved

MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

MR. UPICKSON: to another area,

MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

MR. UPICKSON: not necessarily a decline

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in musk ox population?

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2 MS. REYNOLDS: That's correct. And we also see
3 animals, as I said, moving west into new areas, and moving east
4 back into Canada.

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6 MR. UPICKSON: Okay.

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8 MS. REYNOLDS: So we're having animals move
9 into all those areas. So in terms of the population, within
10 the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge area, Unit 26C, the
11 population is not increasing rapidly the way it was earlier on.
12 That's just the point I'd like to make.

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14 Secondly, in terms of the information that I have
15 collected on how animals move is that one of the most
16 interesting things that I found with the animals in winter was
17 that when I looked at how far animals moved in winter and how
18 fast they moved in winter, and the size of the areas that they
19 use in winter, during the winter months, they move into these
20 areas, and they tend to stay in one area for a long period of
21 time. And I think they're doing this as a strategy, as a
22 method of conserving energy, because they are, as you know, are
23 well adapted to cold weather. They can live in the cold
24 weather really well, but there isn't a lot of food on the North
25 slope in the winter, and when the other animals leave, like
26 caribou, or bears den up, or other animals, like all the birds,
27 have, the musk oxen remain there year round, and they can do
28 that, because they have this lifestyle that permits them to
29 conserve energy in winter. And the way they do this is not to
30 move around very much. So they're actually slowing down and
31 staying in real small areas.

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33 I have a little map that shows some of the information
34 that we got on animals in the summer, this is the movements of
35 single animal, three different animals. And in the winter
36 you can see these real small areas they're moving in, just they
37 stay in real small areas. And this is generally from November
38 February, and -- during the winter months, and then also
39 during calving. And I have calculated some -- the sizes of the
40 areas they're using, so in the summer they're using real large
41 areas, and then through the fall and into the winter, they just
42 reduce the sizes of the areas they have. And there's a similar
43 decline in the rate of movement and these long distance
44 movements they make, as well as how far they move in the
45 winter, because they're trying to save energy.

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47 So this is of concern in terms of -- I think you might
48 consider this in terms of an all-winter hunt, you know, having

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a hunting season for a really long period, instead of maybe splitting it up into two pieces, so that the possible effect on animals that might be -- that might move in relation to hunting activities would be lessened if you were able to split the hunt into two pieces, one, say, early winter, and then again in late winter, the way the season is set now.

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7 So -- also in winter another thing that I found was
8 that very often a lot of the animals aggregate in very large
9 numbers in winter. Sometimes as very large groups, and I'm
10 sure you've seen that out there. And so that a lot of the
11 population, a lot of the numbers in winter might -- a lot of --
12 of a high percentage of the population be in one group, in one
13 specific area, like on the Sadlerochit, a lot of the animals
14 might be in one or two large groups, and so those animals, even
15 though maybe only one bull is taken out of that group, all of
16 the animals in that group might have to move a little ways, or
17 they might run, or they might shift their -- the area that
18 they're living in. So that's of some interest.

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20 MR. UPICKSON: How does that fall in with the
21 fact that like I say during October, open water's typically not
22 safe for the hunters?

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24 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, that's a difficulty

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26 MR. UPICKSON: Or snow conditions are not
27 adequate for use of dog sleds or snow machines for hunting?

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29 MS. REYNOLDS: October, and I think this is the
30 situation that happened this year, October is a difficult -- or
31 can be in a year like this year when it was very warm.

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33 MR. UPICKSON: Uh-huh.

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35 MS. REYNOLDS: It's a very difficult situation,
36 and I agree that that's a problem. And, you know, maybe we
37 have to discuss that in terms of shifting the seasons somewhat,
38 yeah.

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40 MR. ITTA: We are discussing it.

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42 MS. REYNOLDS: But -- yeah. Because it is a
43 difficulty in a year when you can't get off the island. I know
44 that's a problem.

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46 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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48 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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1 MR. ITTA: You're with Fish and Wildlife
2 Service also?
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4 MS. REYNOLDS: Yes.
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6 MR. ITTA: You're not -- you're with
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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: She's with the Refuge.
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10 MR. ITTA: She's ANWR? Okay.
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12 MS. REYNOLDS: I work ANWR.
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14 MR. ITTA: All right. I know what we're
15 talking here in Proposal 86 is to change dates to accommodate
16 Kaktovik City Council, and the one from Robert Thompson is also
17 changing the dates on there. And I also know that in 88,
18 although it seems to be separate, it's not a separate issue,
19 because the proposal not only splits it into three zones within
20 the unit, to get more disparity on harvesting. It has the same
21 open dates as the original regulation, which is from October
22 1st to the 31st
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24 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.
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26 MR. ITTA: and March 1st to the 31st.
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28 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.
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30 MR. ITTA: And I'm getting the feeling here
31 that you're talking more to the harvest in proposal 88 than you
32 are to 86 and 87, which is -- can you give me the real reason
33 why you oppose or don't support these dates given here, from
34 October through March?
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36 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, my main concern is that in
37 the wintertime animals -- the biology of the animals has shown
38 that they need to be conserving in winter and they don't need
39 to be
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41 MR. ITTA: All right.
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43 MS. REYNOLDS: they don't need to be
44 pushed.
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46 MR. ITTA: Okay. Thank you. And preceding
47 that in the proposed regulation, it says "up to ten permits may
48 be issued to residents of Kaktovik, for the Village of Kaktovik
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only," and regardless of the dates, they're going to get -- I mean, they're going to try and get those ten. I mean, they're not going to go beyond that, I don't believe.

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MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

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MR. ITTA: And I fail to see your argument on how that would limit or somehow affect adversely the musk ox from what I'm led to believe are zooming up and down the bayous over that way, and again I don't have any real hard data or how you gather your information, but -- you know, Proposal 86 or 87 are kind of I think tied in with 88 over here.

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MR. UPICKSON: What year was this game -- this musk ox introduced in that region?

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MS. REYNOLDS: '69 and '70. 1969 and 1970. There were two different -- actually there were several releases in 1969 in about three or four week period, and then one release in 1970 in June.

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MR. ITTA: If -- I guess my question would be if Proposal Eighty- -- if the Board accepts Proposal 86 or 87, and sets the dates, then we've got a whole new other argument here on 88, because then

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MS. REYNOLDS: That's a good -- that's a good point,

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MR. ITTA: then that wouldn't

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MS. REYNOLDS: then you'd have to change the dates for 88.

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MR. ITTA: it wouldn't -- we'd be contradicting

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MS. REYNOLDS: Right. Right.

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MR. ITTA: ourselves to even

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

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MR. ITTA: consider those three ones,

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MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

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1 MR. ITTA: which is where I think you're
 2- I mean, kind of where I hear you coming from, even though
 3 the Fish and Wildlife Service are the ones initiating Proposal
 4 88.

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6 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, Proposal 88 is -- At this
 7 point in time, the Refuge has set up a system for issuing the
 8 permits, and they're issued in three zones. That's being done
 9 right now. This proposal would just make that a regulation,
 10 that's all it does.

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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's -- yeah, it's
 13 already

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15 MS. REYNOLDS: It's already being done.

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's already being done.
 18 And actually we had some discussion with our solicitor of
 19 whether

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21 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chairman?

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23 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: or not we even had to
 24 do this, but they felt that

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26 MS. REYNOLDS: Yeah.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: it should be put into
 29 the regulation to make it official, you know, to put it out
 30 there. But

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32 MR. ITTA: Okay. Well, that

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34 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: they're already doing
 35 it.

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37 MR. ITTA: clarifies my

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39 MS. REYNOLDS: It's already being done.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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43 MR. ITTA: my concern a little bit.

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45 MR. REXFORD: Gordon, and then I'll turn the
 46 chair over to Edward.

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48 MR. UPICKSON: Okay. If Number 88 is in fact

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in effect already, you just want -- if it is in fact in place already, the

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3 MS. REYNOLDS: Yes. Yes.

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5 MR. UPICKSON: practice is in place
6 already, I don't think we have to discuss 88 them.

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8 MS. REYNOLDS: It's not a regulation right now,
9 but it's how the permits are being handled by the Refuse, and
10 probably

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12 MR. UPICKSON: And then regardless of

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14 MS. REYNOLDS: how they would be handled
15 in the future.

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17 MR. UPICKSON: whether we change --
18 except Proposal 88 or not, your practice will still be in place
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21 MS. REYNOLDS: That's correct.

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23 MR. UPICKSON: issuing permits in those
24 three zones, so

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26 MS. REYNOLDS: That's correct.

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28 MR. UPICKSON: you have the practice in
29 place already. Real complicated permit.

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31 MR. REXFORD: Mr. Chairman, I'll turn the chair
32 over to you.

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34 MR. ITTA: Oh, I'm the chairman again? Okay.
35 All right.

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37 MR. REXFORD: So I'll

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39 MR. ITTA: Go ahead, Fenton.

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41 MR. REXFORD: I'll present what the
42 residents in the City of Kaktovik and the hunters here at our
43 sea read (ph) in regards to musk oxen. Well, you've heard
44 earlier we've been having problems across the island during the
45 open season as brought forth -- under the present regulation,
46 October 1 through the 31st. For several years now we've worked
47 with the Federal Subsistence Board and also probably worked
48 with the State to designate musk oxen as customary and

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traditional animal. Now, under customary and traditional uses of any species, customary and traditionally there is no season. When the opportunity arises, if there is a limit, if the opportunity arises and the species, certain species are around, the neighborhood, we take that opportunity with no season restrictions.

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7 I don't know why the musk oxen ceased to exist or were extirpated (ph). What does that mean? They were

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10 MS. REYNOLDS: That means they became extinct

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13 MR. REXFORD: Annihilated?

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15 MS. REYNOLDS: they were annihilated, correct.

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18 MR. ITTA: They were over-hunted.

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20 MR. REXFORD: They were -- just by the buffalo? Who did that?

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23 MS. REYNOLDS: Who did that? Well, there's -- think the data, or the information is not terribly clear, but from what I've read, the animals disappeared probably about the middle of the century on the North Coast, or the populations were very low. I think from my knowledge of musk oxen, what's happening with worldwide populations, that there was certainly some weather effect on these populations in terms of probably increasing snow depth. These animals can't tolerate real deep snow. So you see large populations on Arctic islands, and you see smaller populations on the mainland. I think that's part of

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35 MR. UPICKSON: Do those years

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37 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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39 MR. UPICKSON: do those years coincide with when the whalers came up?

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42 MS. REYNOLDS: But the whalers were a little bit later. I mean, firearms weren't real common until the turn of the century, so there was

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46 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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48 MS. REYNOLDS: probably some human

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effect, there was probably some weather effect.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. Further, to let the fellow councilmen here know the issue, that Kaktovik -- on page 33, it says "Kaktovik musk ox harvests were not recorded prior to 86/87." We were not allowed to harvest prior to '86 and '87, so I don't know why that -- why that sentence is even included in the -- in this analysis.

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And I -- it behooves me to say that this musk oxen was introduced and settled in our area, and I know -- and it's going westward, that there is impact and intrusion of other species habitat, that it was a mistake to reintroduce musk oxen to this area, 'cause they intrude the habitat of other animals like caribou. They interfere. As mentioned in other meetings with the North Slope Subsistence Council, there were several villages that noted that musk oxen are impacting critical habitat areas around the villages, and that this is an unwelcome species on the North Slope, that they should not have been introduced that way. So -- and now they are going further west and our residents within Region Ten are violating -- violating by catching musk oxen, because it's not -- it's not a regulation -- hunting regulation.

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My other question is, is this an endangered species to put it in a category that you cannot catch musk oxen anywhere on the North Slope?

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MS. REYNOLDS: Well,

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MR. REXFORD: And why is it only restricted to Unit 26?

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MS. REYNOLDS: I think that with the extent of populations moving westward, and this is one of the management directives that we have for musk oxen on the North Slope, in Unit 26C, was to keep the population at a high enough level that it will provide animals to other villages other than Kaktovik. And that's one reason that a conservative harvest at this time was put in place was that with the conservative harvest, we could still keep the population at a high enough level that animals would move into other areas.

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Now, the debate on whether musk oxen should be here is a very good one, and I think we need to have that knowledge. If people don't want musk oxen, we need to know that. Clearly that if they're not wanted and people don't want them, then that's something that we'd want to know about.

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1- MR. REXFORD: Okay. Okay. yeah, I -- one more
a couple of more

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3 MR. ITTA: Go ahead.

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5 MR. REXFORD: points here, Gordon.

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7 MR. ITTA: Go ahead, let him finish, and then
we'll have Gordon.

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10 MR. REXFORD: Ms. Reynolds, your observation
through satellite survey of the population movements indicate,
you pointed out by showing us that, was -- did you say when the
residents of Kaktovik started hunting, you could notice great
movements and further distances,

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16 MS. REYNOLDS: No.

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18 MR. REXFORD: and your argument
leads

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21 MS. REYNOLDS: No, I have no data to say that.

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23 MR. REXFORD: Why did you bring that up then?
You said

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26 MS REYNOLDS: My

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28 MR. REXFORD: your survey indicates that
there's large movements maybe because of hunting or something?

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31 MS. REYNOLDS: No. No, I hope I didn't mislead
you. My comments were that animals don't move very much in
winter, and that if we have a long hunting season in winter,
they may be impacted by hunting activities that cause them to
use more energy, and if they use more energy, they will not
reproduce as well, they may not survive as well. I haven't --
I didn't mean to say anything about hunting impacting animals
in terms of these movements.

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40 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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42 MS. REYNOLDS: I'm just saying the possibility
that if you -- the longer your season, the longer your winter
season, the more probability is that groups of animals will
expend more energy. That's what will happen.

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47 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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1 MS. REYNOLDS: That's my concern. It's not
2 that individuals moved animals or

3 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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5 MS. REYNOLDS: Okay?

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7 MR. REXFORD: One other -- one more point. You
8 indicate that when we hunt, that there's going to be lots of
9 movements, and they're going to get skinny, because we're
10 hunting them. I don't think that is a good case, or a good
11 analysis to say that if there is an extended season that we're
12 going to chase them all yea-ho to Ganning River to Canada.

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14 MS. REYNOLDS: No. No, that isn't

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16 MR. REXFORD: That is not -- that is not the
17 way we hunt.

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19 MS. REYNOLDS: No.

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21 MR. REXFORD: I don't think you have observed
22 the way we hunt musk oxen since it's been implemented, that
23 movements are very little. They go up on a herd. They pick
24 out the animal that they want to get. They shoot it. Musk
25 oxen move just a few hundred yards from the area that they
26 tagged the musk oxen. I think that's a very wrong analysis to
27 put that, if there is extended hunting season, that all the
28 musk oxen are going to move very long distances and starve or
29 lose all their fat, where in essence the hunters that wanted me
30 say this say, when we go up on a herd musk oxen, I mean,
31 they gather around, and that's when you pick out a certain male
32 female or whatever is permitted. They shoot, they move a
33 few hundred yards away from the hunter, and that's it. I mean,
34 they -- I don't think they will -- it will be a heavy impact on
35 the animals myself, seeing that this occurs that when a hunter
36 gets that animal, they move a few feet, a few yards away from
37 the catch. It wouldn't -- I don't think hunting will impact
38 their fat reserves in any case. I think it's the predators
39 that make them move in long distances and it's not the hunters
40 that will deplete their fat reserves. That's a bad analysis to
41 make into musk oxen, saying that we're going to chase them all
42 over the place, which I think we -- they wanted to even invite
43 you to observe a hunt. Five or six catches, and see that they
44 do not travel long distances

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46 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.

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48 MR. REXFORD: like you're indicating,

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that they're going to -- they're going to die off, or they're going to slow down their metabolism, they could terminate a pregnancy. Those kind of things are, you know,

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MR. ITTA: Debatable.

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MR. REXFORD: that they're a wrong analysis. That the rest is this October thing, and the actual bagging of a musk oxen. 'Cause they wanted me to reiterate that when they come up on a herd of musk oxen, they pick out that certain individual, shoot it, and the musk oxen move over just a little bit, and, you know, they don't go very far. So I with that actual observation by hunters since '87 or '88, that they do not move in long distance, and that their fat reserves would not be depleted, so I would in essence

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And the other one I wanted to bring forth to you, right that is the harvest of three zones is already in effect even without the regulations, and we've been -- we've been abiding by that, thinking that it was part of the rules and regulations date, and I think we could still go with that regulation, even though it is not on -- added onto this -- added onto this proposal. So

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MR. ITTA: Which one is that one, 88?

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MR. REXFORD: In Proposal 88. And, gentlemen, bring forth to you the City of Kaktovik Council's proposals, between that and Robert Thompson, I think we could make a compromise to keep the season open through March 31, and that would not be an endangerment to a well-maintained musk ox population there. And they're getting more. I think we should get more than ten.

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MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq), Fenton. And, Gordon?

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MR. UPICKSON: In line with what Mr. Rexford commented in regards to different game using the same area, in the community over a large area from -- well, all the way from the Anvil Lagoon up and down the Kasegaluk, all the way up to Kokolik, which is the nearest river to my home town, the western and eastern two points that I'm speaking about, when there's musk ox moving back and forth between those two points, during the fall time when we hunt the most, those two particular areas where that musk ox, that herd of musk ox -- it's not a herd. What do you call them when there's ten of them?

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MS. REYNOLDS: I just call them groups.

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Groups.

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2 MR. UPICKSON: A group. When that particular
3 group moves back and forth between those two points, going from
4 one side of our village, past the village to the other side,
5 that particular area has no caribou. I don't know why. I
6 don't know how caribou think, but they look like boundary to
7 them, I guess. And how does that tie in with your comments
8 that "maybe you guys don't want musk ox in your area." You
9 made a comment to that effect. And I liked your opening
10 statement when you said you were here to learn, so

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12 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, my comments in terms of
13 musk oxen and caribou?

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15 MR. UPICKSON: No. You said, "Maybe you guys
16 don't want musk oxen."

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18 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, no, what I -- I wondered
19 if that's -- it's good information for me to have.
20 That's

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22 MR. UPICKSON: Uh-huh. Because we notice how
23 it affect -- we hunt a lot of caribou at Point Lay.

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25 MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

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27 MR. UPICKSON: That's our primary. We eat more
28 caribou than any other kind of meat I guess,

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30 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.

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32 MR. UPICKSON: you can say that, and when
33 there is a shortage of caribou, when in fact during the best
34 part of the fall time, best part of the hunting season when
35 there is a shortage, and you notice that, because they don't
36 hang around where the musk ox are, then you say, "Doggone musk
37 ox," you know.

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39 MS. REYNOLDS: So in your communities

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41 MR. UPICKSON: We're still mad at them.

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43 MS. REYNOLDS: You're still mad at them. But I
44 guess I have a question. Is that true also -- it sounds that
45 may be the situation in Kaktovik as well.

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47 MR. UPICKSON: I know that is a fact in my home
48 town area where we normally hunt our fall caribou.

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1 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Would you feel the same way,
4 Gordon, if you could kill them?
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6 MR. UPICKSON: Pardon?
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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Would you feel the same way
9 about the musk ox if you could kill them? I mean, if there
10 were enough that you could kill them and eat them, and so you
11 wouldn't feel that way?
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13 MR. UPICKSON: I imagine so, but they're not --
14 that it would be -- when -- we like caribou.
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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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18 MR. UPICKSON: Heck, and we'd like them when we
19 want them, which is normally the case, but last fall that
20 wasn't the case. The musk ox were -- they're going to fight
21 for the same space, and
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23 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.
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25 MR. UPICKSON: the musk ox win, and we'd
26 be at loss.
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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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30 MR. UPICKSON: You know, one specie replaces
31 another,
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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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35 MR. UPICKSON: an undesired one. I would
36 think that would be the case.
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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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40 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq) Terry?
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42 MR. TAGAROOK: Then what Gordon just said, I
43 think it's impacting the caribou, because we used to see
44 caribous around our village and our area, but it seems like
45 they're not around this time, this year. And I think those
46 musk ox are getting in the way of the migratory routes of the
47 caribou.
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MR. REXFORD: I have something for the record that's been recorded by the North Slope Fish and Game Management Committee meeting minutes in Barrow, Alaska, dated December 9th and 10th, 1993. And they were at the agenda of village concerns. From Point Hope, Mr. Elija Itunganak states that hunters from Point Hope would like to see the musk ox available for the hunters of Point Hope. This would require the population of the musk ox in that area to be counted. Mr. Itunganak reported a herd of musk oxen near Cape Thompson and another near Cape Lisburne. He personally has seen an increase in musk ox near the Point Hope area.

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12 Charlie Brower says that Geoff Carroll of ADF&G's plan
13 do an aerial survey of the musk ox herds of the western
14 Arctic Slope.

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16 There was discussion about how the hunters believe that
17 the musk oxen are taking over the feeding areas used by the
18 caribou. For this reason, the hunters from Point Hope, Point
19 Barrow, and Wainwright believe that the musk ox diverted the
20 caribou away from their areas.

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22 Another one from Point Lay, Amos Anasaka, reported that
23 there are no caribou around Point Lay. He said that this
24 summer there was a few caribou, but that was about it. The
25 hunters have to go way up inland to find caribou. He says that
26 there's also been an increase in musk ox near Point Lay. He
27 reported that a hunter from Point Lay harvested the musk ox
28 earlier this year. The hide was confiscated by the PSO
29 officer. Further states that the last three years the caribou
30 have been very scarce around Point Lay, and lately the hunters
31 have been seeing more musk oxen near Point Lay compared to the
32 past.

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34 Another one from Nuiqsut. There is a problem around
35 the Nuiqsut area. Member Leonard Tukelee from Nuiqsut also
36 expresses concern, and brought forth to the committee that
37 hunters have noticed an increase in the number of number of
38 musk ox near Nuiqsut. They would like to see more opportunity
39 for subsistence hunters of Nuiqsut to be able to hunt, harvest
40 musk ox legally. The way the system works right now, it has
41 been very inconvenient for hunters who receive permits to
42 harvest musk ox. The hunter wonders why he can't harvest musk
43 ox just outside Nuiqsut. We see that they have been sighting
44 there have been many sightings of musk ox near Nuiqsut.
45 There's a problem with the current musk ox regulation and
46 something needs to be done.

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48 Savarra Peterson, ADF&G, Division of Subsistence talked

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about the musk ox problem. Mr. Peterson reports that musk ox permits are available to hunters who apply by Tier Two permit in Games 26B and 26C. The hunt is federal subsistence hunt permits with -- issued by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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5 So there is concerns in the other villages, all the way to Point Hope, and it's becoming a problem in taking over habitat of the caribou. And there are concerns. So those things should be brought forth or talked about with the other villages to legally take musk oxen. So

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11 Was there any further analysis by the staff on these proposals?

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14 MS. REYNOLDS: I would just like to thank you for your input on this. This is good information. I would like to make two comments.

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18 One is I hope you don't think that I'm telling you or giving you the impression that I think that hunters are scaring musk oxen all over the country. I don't believe that's happened. My concern is that energy of animals is increasing or is increased in winter, whether or not the animals run. I have seen hunts from the air. I do a lot of flying of all the drainages, and I concur that probably many times the animals don't move too far. I think their energy levels are increased.

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28 Secondly, I think that in terms of caribou, I think you have a lot of good information here in terms of people's observations of caribou and musk oxen. It's very interesting. I think everybody needs this information, and I will certainly discuss this with people. Again, from a different point of view, I've looked at caribou and musk oxen for a long time on the North Slope, from the Tashbuck Herd to the Western Arctic Herd, to the Porcupine Herd, and many times on the ground I've seen musk oxen and caribou together. I will just state that. I've seen it many times.

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39 MR. REXFORD: Thank you.

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41 MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you for your comments. They're very helpful to me.

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44 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Thank you, Pat. Okay. We have proposals before us, gentlemen. Proposals 86 and 87, which are fairly similar. The only difference are in Proposal 86 versus 87, the season recommended by the Kaktovik City Council wants to commence their season at October 31 and close

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it at March 31. A similar proposal, the dates are just different, by Robert J. Thompson, indicates November 1 through March 31. And the reasons for these proposals for changing regulations as brought forth were the people of Kaktovik are generally unable to hunt musk ox during the October -- during the month of October, because ice conditions prohibits the lagoon or open water, and travel is typically not safe, and snow conditions are not adequate in that area for either dog sleds or snow machines or ATVs. You've heard the analysis with 9- under Proposal 88. The summary was that this is in place already, that the residents are abiding by the three zones even though the -- it is not under regulation for this hunt, so we have before you these three proposals. In talking with the City of Kaktovik, they are standing by their proposal for season, from October 1 through March 31, which we know in the past few years the month of October is -- it's not safe to cross it yet. We've been having late freeze ups lately, and usually the second week of October maybe, the latter part of October is when we're able to cross the lagoon or across to the mainland to get access to the musk ox.

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21 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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23 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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25 MR. ITTA: I would just like to comment in support of Proposal 86. Mainly -- I know you've mentioned that October was not a real good month, but sometimes it is, too, and, you know, it just depends on the season.

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30 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.

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32 MR. ITTA: And I'd prefer to leave October in through March. But what I've noted is the difference here in October, November, December, January, February, March, I'd just like to point a clarification, that my cousin, Myanapan, James Bampi from Barter Island made, that we all know, and we agreed here, we don't go hunting in December and January when it's really blowing, dark and cold, and we don't do that, except when an opportunity comes around, that conditions are right, and you have a chance to do it then. But I don't -- I wanted to make sure that impression was passed on. That the quota's still going to be ten. I mean, the limit will be ten, even though Fenton says maybe there's some -- that's debatable.

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45 MS. REYNOLDS: Uh-huh.

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47 MR. ITTA: But the number will still be ten, and I feel secure that the stocks are going to be safe, just

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from the knowledge that has been passed on to me, and I'd speak in support of Proposal 86 at this time, and I'd so move to accept Proposal 86.

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4 MR. UPICKSON: Could you -- Mr. Chairman,

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6 MR. REXFORD: Mr. Chairman. It's been moved to approve Proposal 86. Do I hear a second?

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9 MR. H. BROWER: Second it.

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11 MR. REXFORD: Seconded. Discussion? Gordon?

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13 MR. UPICKSON: Yes. Could he expound on his --
14 mean, could he move that we table 87 and approve 86?

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16 MR. ITTA: I think if we approve 86, then that
17 will negate both 87 and 88, because.

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19 MR. UPICKSON: Eighty-eight addresses a
20 different issue,

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22 MR. ITTA: Right, but it

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24 MR. UPICKSON: identifying zones.

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26 MR. ITTA: still has the same dates. It
27 still has -- 88 has the same dates, October -- it's only a two-
28 month period from October 1st to October 31st, March 1st to
29 March 31st, which is different than what we're trying to do.

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31 MR. UPICKSON: Eighty-eight addresses the three
32 zones, and

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34 MR. ITTA: Right.

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36 MR. UPICKSON: in fact that is in place
37 already, so

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39 MR. ITTA: It's already.

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41 MR. UPICKSON: Okay.

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43 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh. So I'd -- that's why I kept
44 saying, yeah, that's why I kept saying that if we pass 86, with
45 these dates, then 88 can't pass, because without changing those
46 bottom dates down there. We can discuss it I suppose.

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48 MR. UPICKSON: Good point. Good point, Edward.

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Mr. Chairman, I second Edward's motion to approve

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2 MR. REXFORD: Okay. It's been
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4 MR. UPICKSON: Proposal 86.
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's been seconded.
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8 MR. REXFORD: It's been seconded, Gordon.
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10 MR. UPICKSON: Okay.
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12 MR. REXFORD: We're on to discussion. Any
further discussion? Mr. Aveoganna?
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15 MR. AVEOGANNA: I'm just hearing what I wanted
on the open season in 86, instead of -- which was October 31,
May (ph), and all that they want. Is it crossed out on your
book also?
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20 MR. BROWER: Yeah, (in Inupiaq)
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22 MR. REXFORD: Yeah.
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24 MR. ITTA: Yeah, that's a proposed change,
what's on the dates.
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27 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)
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29 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)
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31 MR. REXFORD: Any further discussion on
Proposal 86?
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34 MR. ITTA: Call for the question.
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36 MR. REXFORD: Okay. The question's called.
All those in favor of approving Proposal 86 do so by saying
"Aye"?
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40 ALL: Aye.
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42 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Okay.
Thank you. I guess -- are we doing this properly here, Mike?
Are we
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46 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, sir, I think so.
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48 MR. REXFORD: making it on the record
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MR. LOCKHART: I think the proper procedure is in view of what you've done on 86, you would take no action on 87.

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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MR. UPICKSON: And 88? Because of the dates?

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MR. LOCKHART: Well, Mr. Chair?

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MR. REXFORD: Yes, Mike?

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MR. LOCKHART: I think maybe there's some confusion here. Maybe I'm coming in a little too late, but 88, really the only change in 88 is for the three zones. It's irrespective of the season. If you look at that, where you have the proposed regulation, and then the proposal for regulation change, the shaded area is the only part of that proposal, the proposed regulation change. So even though you've adopted this other season, you may still want to independently address the zones. That's just at your pleasure, but they are distinctly different proposals.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman? We discussed this prior to approve Proposal 86, with the understanding that that would automatically drop Proposal 87 and 88 as stated by our co-chair, Edward Itta. And to say that 88 would apply for seasons, that don't apply to 86 at all. The three zones proposed. I think Edward's interpretation of 87 and 88 no longer being applied if we passed 86, I think that -- I tend to agree with what our co-chair stated earlier.

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MR. ITTA: If I may, I

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MR. REXFORD: Edward.

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MR. ITTA: Thank you, Gordon. I'd just like to clarify here. I was saying that, because the proposed regulation again going back to our original discussion on changing or adding onto motor boats or snow machines on the other one, but if you were going to -- if we're going to act on this one, then the change down here by Fish and Wildlife Service on the open season needs to match what we just did?

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MR. LOCKHART: Correct.

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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1 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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3 MR. LOCKHART: I think that's -- I'm sorry, but
4 I think that's an independent action, and just disregard the
5 open season dates completely.

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7 MR. ITTA: What I'm saying then, I guess, is I
8 wouldn't have any real problem with Proposal 88 if the open
9 season reflects what we just did on 86.

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11 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I don't think it's
12 right for them to pick out the parts of a proposal that don't
13 apply. I mean, that applies, and just disregard the other
14 parts. I think this

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16 MR. REXFORD: So what we're saying is we

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18 MR. UPICKSON: proposal should be
19 rewritten.

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21 MR. REXFORD: If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
22 Service then is in agreement with the Regional Council to a
23 season from October 31, I think that would -- I think the
24 community would be in favor of that proposal by the U.S. Fish
25 and Wildlife Service.

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27 MR. H. BROWER: October 31 or October 1?

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29 MR. REXFORD: October 1 through March 31.

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31 MR. ITTA: Right. With the same dates. Yes.

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33 MR. UPICKSON: Have to write their proposal
34 after I believe.

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36 MR. ITTA: The reason why I say that was I know
37 there was a difference of argument on what we just went through
38 on behalf of the City of Kaktovik out there on the dates. And
39 again, this relates to kind of quotas in three different zones.
40 And this has been decimated already before, and the -- I think
41 that part that's shaded is okay. What I've got real heartburn
42 with is the open seasons that were submitted down there. I
43 think that needs to reflect that we're in agreement on those
44 open dates.

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46 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah.

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48 MR. ITTA: And then your staff analysis and

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proposals would all accordingly change also.

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2 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah.

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4 MR. ITTA: Right?

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6 MR. LOCKHART: I think we're just -- I think we agree, we're agreeing. I think there's just a little problem in the way that this was presented to you as Proposal 88. Realistically, what we did -- what you do when you develop a proposal is you cite the whole regulation, all of it. The season and everything else. And then you highlight the part that you want to change. So the Council has already taken action on 86. Your recommendation to the Board is to extend the season from October through March 31st. That's a clear action on the part of this Council. Now, you can elect to take no action on 87, you can elect to take no action on 88 based on that, but 88 itself doesn't -- I mean, you can still have the seasons in there, October 1st to March 31st, and you may still want to entertain 88. That's at your pleasure. Because 88 really is only referring to the zones. It has nothing to do with the season dates at all.

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23 MR. AVEOGANNA: Right. Right. With

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25 MR. H. BROWER: Mr. Chairman?

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27 MR. REXFORD: Harry?

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29 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq) Mr. Chairman?

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31 MR. REXFORD: Go ahead, Jim. Jim, go ahead.

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33 MR. AVEOGANNA: Yeah. We've been in contact on this from our chairman here about this musk ox, that the season wasn't any good at all as to dates for open season, a couple times, and so that's why this Council on 87 and eighty- -- 86 and 87, and this here, we do know that the -- since they didn't get them at that time, they get them -- probably get them in March. That's what happened. And the same thing with proposals. That's the way I understand this.

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42 MR. REXFORD: Harry?

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44 MR. LOCKHART: I think there's no question the Council's clear that they want the season from October 1st to March 31st. That will be the Council recommendation as it relates to all proposals dealing with musk ox.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.

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2 MR. LOCKHART: But Proposal 88 only focuses on
the issues of the zones. Now, you can handle -- take action on
that however you want to take it. It doesn't make any
difference.

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7 MR. REXFORD: Harry, did you have something?

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9 MR. H. BROWER: They just clarified my
question. I was going to say Proposal 88, it's got the open
seasons are dated October 1 to March 31 (sic), and then from
March 1 to March 31.

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14 MR. AVEOGANNA: Right.

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16 MR. LOCKHART: That's the existing season as it
exists in the proposed rule right now. You've already
recommended against those, and that will be the Council
recommendation. So you can, for the purposes of only Proposal
88, disregard the issue of seasons and only focus on the zones.

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22 MR. REXFORD: Fellow Councilmen, when the
residents of Kaktovik were authorized or permitted to get musk
oxen, this was in place, these three zones, and I think it
would be redundant -- I know that residents of Kaktovik will
abide, even though if we don't adopt this proposal 88.

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28 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.

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30 MR. ITTA: It applies only to Kaktovik, you
said?

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33 MR. LOCKHART: Right.

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35 MR. REXFORD: I mean, even if this proposal is
not in here, I know the hunters over there will not violate a
permit issued. This would put it even more restrictive. I
think it would.

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40 MR. ITTA: That's what I was going to say,
Mr. Chair, if I may.

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43 MR. REXFORD: By this regulation.

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45 MR. AVEOGANNA: That's -- Mr. Chairman, that's
something that's going to go on to others in other villages
also, what we harvest on the proposal that has them all like
that. That's -- they're going to do the same thing some time.

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The same thing.

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2 MR. REXFORD: So again I want to just say when
the hunter is given the permits,

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5 MR. AVEOGANNA: Right.

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7 MR. REXFORD: "these are the areas you're
going to hunt. You have been assigned to hunt in zone three.
Go for it." You have seasons now from October 1 through March
30. I mean, we'll still -- the residents will still provide
13ic) by that, and I would recommend to the Councilmen to table
02 take no action on Proposal 88.

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14 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, Mr. Chair, just as a point
05 clarification, tabling it means you're going to take it up
later, so

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18 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. -- okay. I'm sorry. I'll
wait.

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21 MR. REXFORD: Differ or -- Gordon?

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23 MR. UPICKSON: I move that we vote on Proposal
24, pass or disapprove Proposal 88.

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26 MR. ITTA: I'll second Gordon's motion.

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28 MR. REXFORD: Okay. The motion is to

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30 MR. ITTA: Put Proposal 88 before the Board to
vote it up or down.

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33 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Okay. To put Proposal 88
34 forth for the Councilmen yeah or nay. We'll have a roll
call again at this time. I'll start with my immediate left
here. Mr. Itta?

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38 MR. ITTA: I'd say no.

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40 MR.. REXFORD: Gordon Upickson?

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42 MR. UPICKSON: No.

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44 MR. REXFORD: Terry Tagarook?

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46 MR. TAGAROOK: No.

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48 MR. REXFORD: Jim Allen Aveoganna.

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1 MR. AVEOGANNA: Senior. No.
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3 MR. REXFORD: No. Harry Brower, Junior?
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5 MR. H. BROWER: No.
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7 MR. REXFORD: No. Fenton Rexford, No.
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9 MR. ITTA: Proposal 88 is
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11 MR. REXFORD: Proposal 88.
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13 MR. UPICKSON: Is not tabled, it's defeated.
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15 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Now we're getting down to
16 the nitty gritty. We have our gentleman we've been waiting for
17 all afternoon. What is the wish of the Board? It is 5:00
18 o'clock. Maybe we could get done
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20 MR. ITTA: Tomorrow morning?
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22 MR. REXFORD: this evening or right now.
23 It's up to the Board. I think we have just
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You guys could do it
26 yourself and finish if you guys want.
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28 MR. REXFORD: two other regulations that
29 we just needed further information from Geoff.
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31 MR. ITTA: We have BLM.
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33 MR. REXFORD: BLM. We'll take that up.
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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: BLM. Yeah, they're going to
36 take it up.
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38 MR. REXFORD: We were going to -- we'll take
39 that up.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mike is going to discuss 68.
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43 MR. REXFORD: So we have -- I think we only
44 have Proposals 64 and
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46 MR. ITTA: 68?
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)
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1 MR. LOCKHART: And One and Two.
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3 MR. REXFORD: Oh, and 68.
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5 MR. ITTA: 68, BLM?
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7 MR. LOCKHART: And One and Two.
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9 MR. REXFORD: And One and Two. Yes.
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11 MR. ITTA: And One and Two. Oh, yeah, we still
12 have One and Two from the State yet.
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14 MR. REXFORD: So
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, that's the -- was it
17 just 64 was tabled for Geoff?
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19 MR. REXFORD: Yeah.
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21 MR. LOCKHART: I think you had one other one.
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23 MR. ITTA: It was tabled until Geoff got here.
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I thought there's -- I
26 thought there was another one on moose.
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28 MR. REXFORD: And 82 I think there was one.
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30 MR. ITTA: Sixty-four is moose.
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32 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah.
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I thought it was 64 and
35 then
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37 MR. LOCKHART: Eighty-two.
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39 MR. ITTA: Yeah. No, 82.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, the caribou.
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43 MR. ITTA: Caribou.
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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The first one you guys did.
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47 MR. REXFORD: Yeah.
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1 MR. ITTA: Eighty-two.
2 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The one on the swimming
3 caribou.
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5 MR. LOCKHART: Eighty-two, right.
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7 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. So what is the wish of the
8 Council? Do you wish to proceed or do you want to go break for
9 supper? We just have these few regulations to go through, and
10 then we'd be done.
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12 MR. ITTA: Why don't we have
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14 (Discussion in Inupiak between Mr. Aveoganna and
15 Mr. H. Brower)
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17 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiak) Proposal One and Two.
18 Chair?
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20 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiak) Edward, did you
21 have something?
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23 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiak)
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25 MR. ITTA: Do we have BLM here?
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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiak) Mike has 68.
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29 MR. LOCKHART: Actually Jim's going to address
30 60, but
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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34 MR. REXFORD: Jim
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36 MR. ITTA: And then who would do Proposal One
37 and Two?
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39 MR. REXFORD: Mike.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. And Mike will do
42 Proposal One and Two.
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44 MR. LOCKHART: We have Proposal One -- I'm
45 going to do Proposal One and Two.
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47 MR. ITTA: And then we have what other one?
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1 MR. REXFORD: That's it.
2 MR. LOCKHART: Eighty-two.
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4 MR. ITTA: No, we need Geoff Carroll on 82.
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Eighty-two and 64.
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8 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Sixty-four, 82, One and
9 two.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And 64.
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13 MR. LOCKHART: Right.
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15 MR. REXFORD: Those are the four. Those are the
16 four proposals in front of us that we needed to get -- wait for
17 Mr. Carroll, 64 and Number 82.
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19 MR. ITTA: Eighty-two.
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21 MR. REXFORD: And we have Proposals One and
22 two. I think we just had very simple questions, we need just a
23 little bit more information regarding 64, and I think we could
24 probably take that up fairly quickly and get over with our
25 proposals in front of us, and our agenda is very short after
26 that.
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28 MR. ITTA: Okay. (In Inupiaq)
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30 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq) Jim?
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32 MR. H. BROWER: Geoff.
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34 MR. REXFORD: Geoff.
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36 MR. ITTA: Front and center, please.
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38 MR. REXFORD: I think we need to break? Okay.
39 Let's -- A five-minute break. So ordered.
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41 (Off record)
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43 (On record)
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45 MR. REXFORD: I'll call the North Slope
46 Regional Advisory Council back to order. The chair entertains
47 motion to take from the table the Proposal 64 and 82.
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MR. ITTA: I so move.

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2 MR. REXFORD: It's been moved to take from the
table Proposal 64 and 82. Is there a second?

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5 MR. UPICKSON: I second the motion.
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7 MR. REXFORD: Seconded. All those in favor of
taking from the table Proposals 64 and 82, do so by saying
"aye"?

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11 ALL: Aye.
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13 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Okay.
14 Thank you, gentlemen. We'll proceed with Proposal 64, Mike
and Geoff? I think we

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17 MR. LOCKHART: Mr. Chair, I'm not sure where we
really left this. I think we went through and characterized
what the nature of the issues, and just let me restate that for
the -- this is really a proposal that deals with just an
administrative clarification on our regulations. Again,
current federal seasons allow for a July hunt on federal public
lands. The State season does not allow for that currently. So
the whole -- the reason the proposal was even generated was to
clarify the boundary of that -- the location of those federal
lands that were available to the Point Hope residents for
taking moose. And I think that's the essential recommendation
was that -- from us was that we modify that definition a little
bit from what ADF&G proposed, to make sure that all federal
lands were incorporated, and that we were going to be
advocating submission of a proposal to the State to allow for a
July hunt.

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34 MR. REXFORD: Right. Okay.
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36 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?
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38 MR. REXFORD: Edward?
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40 MR. ITTA: Geoff, I'd had a question earlier on
the hunters currently running the risk of violating State
hunting regs and whatnot here. And I wanted to hear from you
about the Alaska Board and Game and the ADF&G support changing
the boundaries and the season, and I -- the other part of my
question was, have you been in touch with people from Point
Hope regarding this issue?

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48 MR. CARROLL: Well, no, I really haven't. You
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know, Point -- you know, in the State system, Point Hope is in Game Management Unit 23, and they deal with the area biologist in Kotzebue. So I'm not real familiar with this situation

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MR. ITTA: Okay.

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MR. CARROLL: to tell the truth. My -- Mike just recently had a meeting with the area biologist from Game Management Unit 23, Jim Dau, and apparently at that meeting, maybe you can say what Jim said better than me saying what you said he said.

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MR. LOCKHART: Well, and there were several of us in that meeting. Barbara was there, and Steve was there. And really there wasn't a lot of discussion, but the only thing that there was a clarification on whether or not the drainages would be included versus a river line as a boundary. And the other just point that I think -- and I don't really want to put words in their mouth, but I think there was a sensitivity that Jim Dau was presenting that they were concerned about that, and that they were going to recommend to the -- recommend through their process that a proposal go before the Board of Game, the State, to try to get a July season, but, you know, I don't think there's anything formal on the table, and I'd hate to characterize something that they're really going to do, because that may have just been a comment at a meeting.

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MR. ITTA: Okay. I'd just like to add one more comment to that. Since the feds came in and took over from the State, I guess, Geoff, it's kind of moot whether from the State's side that boundary goes over here or not, but we do need to protect our -- and Point Hope's kind of in a grey area here, but clearly for me it falls under these federal regulations right now and it would behoove us, I think to support Proposal 64 so that our -- Point Hope doesn't get caught in the middle on this thing, and give them what they want over there.

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MR. LOCKHART: Okay.

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MR. REXFORD: Mike?

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MR. LOCKHART: Mr. Chair, this is a point where things are -- may be a little confusing, really confusing, and we have to be careful. There's -- if you support Proposal 64 as written, it will make -- you would be recommending to the Federal Subsistence Board that the line demarcating that unit is Ogotoruk Creek. Our staff does not agree with that, and we

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have recommended that that change in boundary be identified as the Singoalik River and lands north and west of there, so that all federal lands are included. If you use this proposal, the exact language for Proposal 64, it would exclude some federal lands. We don't recommend that. So, you know, it's -- you have to be careful on whether you're supporting or recommending support of Proposal 64 or the staff's recommendation in the particular instance.

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MR. ITTA: And where is the staff recommendation here?

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MR. ITTA: And where is the staff

MR. LOCKHART: Well, it's staff conclusions. I

MR. ITTA: It's under conclusion.

MR. LOCKHART: if you look at the back of this -- thank you. If you look at the back of this on page 14, we have a conclusion there, and we say we suggest the Federal Subsistence Board submit the following proposal -- on, I'm sorry, above that, we recommend a change in the description from

MR. ITTA: Okay. I hear you.

MR. LOCKHART: Okay.

MR. ITTA: Okay. Then, Mr. Chair, if I may? I'd like to amend -- well, again I've got a problem with this, because this Proposal 64 was sent out for public review and comment and all that, right?

MR. LOCKHART: That's correct.

MR. ITTA: And -- okay. I'm going to recommend that we -- and I don't know where this would fall under, under the proposal for regulation change, just to insert that language on page 14 recommended by the Wildlife Service, so that we don't exclude any of the federal lands, that's correct, which this language would cover in here, instead of -- or do we add it onto the proposal change here for 25(k)(23) under moose? Do we add that on as the next sentence?

MR. LOCKHART: We would do it instead of.

Again, if you look at the first of this, the proposed regulation, the first sentence is currently how it exists. The regulation now reads in the proposed rule, if we did nothing, if no action was taken, it would read "That portion north and

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west of and including the Kivalina River drainage." That's what ADF&G was concerned about, because the Kivalina drainage no longer has any federal land in it. They wanted to get away from the idea that people could hunt there in July. So they're recommending that we change that to "That portion north and west of and including Ogotoruk Creek." We don't agree. We don't like that analysis, because that eliminates some federal lands, so we're recommending a modification even above this, with that language that you seen on Page 14.

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10 MR. ITTA: Okay. I would then move at this
time to insert language from page 14 of the staff conclusions
on Proposal 64 be inserted in lieu of the current verbiage that
states "Unit 23, that portion north and west of and including
Ogotoruk Creek, one moose, no person may take a cow accompanied
by a calf. Open season July 1 to March 31st." I propose that
be deleted and inserted in its place what I just talked about,
and I'll read it for the record: "Unit 23, that portion north
and west of and including the Singoalik River drainage, and all
lands draining into the Kukpuk and Ipewik Rivers, one moose;
However, no person may take a cow accompanied by a calf. Open
season July 1 through March 31st." And I move to amend.

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23 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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25 MR. TAGAROOK: I'll second that motion.

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27 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Any discussions on the
amendment to Proposal 64? I think it's clearly understood, and
thank you, Mike, for that clarification.

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31 MR. ITTA: Motion on the question. Call for
question. (In Inupiaq)

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34 MR. REXFORD: The question is called.

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36 MR. ITTA: Yeah.

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38 MR. REXFORD: Gordon, did you have something?

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40 MR. UPICKSON: Call the question.

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42 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Question is called. All
those in favor of amending Proposal 64 with the verbiage added
on page 14, do so by saying "aye"?

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46 ALL: Aye.

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48 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? Okay.

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Thank you. Eighty-two.

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2 MR. ITTA: We've got to go back on the main
motion now.

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5 MR. REXFORD: Oh.

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7 MR. ITTA: To approve Proposal 64 as the main
motion.

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10 MR. REXFORD: Okay. I'm sorry. Okay.

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12 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chairman, I call for the
question on the main motion.

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15 MR. REXFORD: The question's on the main
motion. All those in favor, signify by saying "aye"?

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18 ALL: Aye.

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20 MR. REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign? I
overlooked that real quick. Okay. Number 82. We're mushing
right along here.

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24 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this is 82. I
think where we left it is we had discussed the proposal which
was generated from the Council here, and we had discussed some
of the conclusions that were -- the staff analysis, and I think
where we left it was we addressed our conclusions, and I think
where we started to talk about was use of snow machines as a
part of this.

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32 And I just wanted to go back and in reflection after I
put my opening comments on that, I wanted to clearly say that
you certainly have the capability of recommending amendments to
proposed regulation. I think that the Board is going to look
at the Council with a large degree of expertise on what the
customary and traditional uses are for this area, so I think if
you want to take that up as an amendment and submit it to the
Board, I think that's fine. I just would encourage you to
pound on the justifications and, you know, your knowledge of
that practice through this area when you do that.

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43 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Fellow Councilmen, I
recall that when Edward brought this matter up, that we looked
at Unit 23 to have the similar regulation for this region. And
don't know where the omission came about, but we wanted to be
similar to that, and I think it is clearly stated in the record
that we wanted to follow the customary and traditional

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practices that were permitted for residents of Unit 23, to be similar in harvesting for caribou in Unit Ten, from either a motor driven boat or snow machine, and we did not intend to exclude that matter, and I think we overlooked that, and I think it's clear in the record that the Council wants to amend and include that unit specific regulation by adding a couple of words, I so entertain.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr.?

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MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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MR. UPICKSON: You're talking in regards to containing language in regards to Proposal 82 to include snow machines? I'm trying to

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MR. ITTA: If I may,

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MR. UPICKSON: Yes.

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MR. ITTA: Gordon? Mr. Chair?

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MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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MR. ITTA: I think we discussed that, but then again at the same time we discussed the pros and cons of it, that maybe we might be confusing the issue when this proposal had already been submitted and decimated and comments referred to that. I mean, that part. I don't think this will be any problem at all supporting.

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I just needed to ask Geoff here a question in regards to this, and I just want to be real clear on that, that I think at a later time we can include the motor driven boats or snowmobiles maybe used to take caribou. But what I had to ask for Geoff in relation to this was what are the State regs in regards to using -- you know, doing this type of hunting, motor driven boats may be used to take caribou? We didn't say snow machines on there, but

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MR. CARROLL: Yeah. At this time it's like the federal regulations here, it's only legal in Unit 23. There are proposals going to be put forth for the Board of Game at their next meeting that will make both the use of snow machines legal, use of boats and use of rimfire cartridges, so it will be up to the Board of Game to pass that or not, so they're kind of at the same stage you are, I guess, with -- there will be a proposal to

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1 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)
2 MR. REXFORD: Harry?
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4 MR. H. BROWER: Geoff, so you're stating then
5 the existing regulations under the State regs, that the use of
6 snow machine is illegal to hunt caribou right now
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8 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, that's the way it's stated.
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10 MR. H. BROWER: is what you're saying
11 how?
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13 MR. CARROLL: It is every place in the State
14 except Unit 23.
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16 MR. ITTA: Except in 23?
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18 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.
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20 MR. ITTA: And we're 26, right?
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22 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.
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24 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.
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26 MR. ITTA: Twenty-six. Okay. All right. That
27 kind of answers my question here. I just had one question for
28 you both. So I always get to enforcement. Who's got the
29 enforcement authority here? I mean,
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31 MR. LOCKHART: Well,
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33 MR. ITTA: I know you guys are working
34 together and what not, but again I go back to my point, since
35 the feds took over the State and whatnot, where are we on
36 enforcement on this?
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38 MR. LOCKHART: Well, under the federal system,
39 of course, our regulations apply only to federal public lands,
40 and we do have an enforcement capability. Federal -- there's
41 various officers for the Park Service, Fish and Wildlife
42 Service, BLM, who can enforce regulations. We do cooperate
43 with the State in regulating game laws, and, you know, the
44 State looks at the whole State, including federal public lands
45 if there's -- say that as an example, that if there's a
46 conflict, if the State season doesn't afford hunting on an area
47 and the federal season does, and people are hunting under the
48 federal subsistence regulations, then they're perfectly legal,
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and the State would not enforce that.

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MR. ITTA: Okay.

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MR. LOCKHART: I don't know if that answers, and maybe Geoff can address it a little better. I'm certainly not an expert on law enforcement, but we do try to work together.

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MR. ITTA: I guess that goes back to my original comment of just trying to know where in the world we belong here, and where we should put our fingers in and whatnot, because Geoff and I, we talk a lot about that this occurred, whenever we see each other, and I know he's with the State, and yet that's on the PRA out there, and the federal lands and whatnot, and

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Now, I'd -- just directly in relation to Proposal 82, I'd just like to speak out in support of it at this time, and I commend to my colleagues that we go ahead and approve it as is, and add on at a later time more language that will get us to conform with Unit 23.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. All right. That's a -- I think we all

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MR. ITTA: I think we already have a motion on the table right, or we did

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MR. H. BROWER: No.

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MR. REXFORD: No.

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MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. REXFORD: Gordon?

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MR. UPICKSON: I move that we act on Proposal 82 to approve or disapprove at this time.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. REXFORD: Is there a second?

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MR. ITTA: I'll second the motion.

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MR. REXFORD: Seconded.

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1 MR. AVEOGANNA: I'll call for the question
 2 then.
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 4 MR. REXFORD: Okay. The question's called.
 5 I'll ask for a roll call on this again. We'll start with Terry
 6 Tagarook?
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 8 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes.
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 10 MR. REXFORD: Gordon Upickson?
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 12 MR. UPICKSON: Yes.
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 14 MR. REXFORD: Edward Itta?
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 16 MR. ITTA: Yes.
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 18 MR. REXFORD: Jim Allen Aveoganna, Senior?
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 20 MR. AVEOGANNA: Sure. Yes.
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 22 MR. REXFORD: Harry Brower, Junior?
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 24 MR. H. BROWER: Yes.
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 26 MR. ITTA: Junior and Senior.
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 28 MR. REXFORD: Fenton Rexford votes yes. Thank
 29 you. Now, we'll go back to Proposals One and Two, which are
 30 statewide issues.
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 32 MR. LOCKHART: I guess, Mr. Chair, while I'm
 33 sitting here, I can certainly address One and Two. We still
 34 have 68 to go as well, and Jim will be addressing that, but do
 35 you want to go ahead and go into Proposals One and Two?
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 37 MR. REXFORD: Oh, yeah, 68. What does -- do we
 38 want to take that 68 up real quick? I think we could get that
 39 done here in a couple of minutes.
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 41 MR. LOCKHART: Do you want to take that up now,
 42 Mr. Chairman?
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 44 MR. REXFORD: Yes. We'll take up Proposal 68
 45 this time.
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 47 MR. KURTH: Mr. Chair, I'm Jim Kurth, and I am
 48 not from the BLM, but Tom Boyd, who is the BLM's wildlife
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2 MR. REXFORD: Oh, one moment here, let's -- oh,
3 here it is.

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5 MR. KURTH: thought that perhaps I could
6 represent BLM in this endeavor.

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8 MR. REXFORD: Page 41.

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10 MR. ITTA: Page 41, okay.

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12 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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14 MR. KURTH: Let me give you a real quick
15 story of why we have this proposal, and some of the problems.
16 Under the State system, and those regulations which we
17 initially adopted, the Dalton Highway Corridor, which is, you
18 know, the Haul Road, and five miles on either side, from the
19 Yukon River north, had a restriction that didn't allow any
20 firearms in the corridor, nor did it allow the use of vehicles
21 to hunt in the corridor. And a couple of years ago we got a
22 proposal from a resident of Wiseman that said, "Hey, this is
23 our hunting area, and it's -- you know, we customarily have
24 used snow machines and rifles there, and we want to be able to
25 do that," and the Board listened to that and agreed with them,
26 and removed that restriction on snow machines and firearms in
27 the highway corridor.

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29 Well, what they didn't think about at the time was for
30 some of the seasons that we have there, the customary and
31 traditional use determinations in some of those Game Management
32 Units were no determinations, which means under federal
33 regulations that any rural resident can hunt there until they
34 determine just what communities have customarily hunted there,
35 we allow all rural residents. Well, what happened was
36 Ft. Greeley is an example of an area that is still considered
37 rural. Many people would contend that they really aren't what
38 most people think of as a customary and traditional subsistence
39 community, and people from there and probably some other areas
40 found out that you could now hunt under subsistence regulations
41 in the corridor with firearms and a fair number of people from
42 far outside of the area started going up there to hunt in the
43 Dalton Highway Corridor with a rifle where they hadn't been
44 able to do before. And this became a bit of a problem.

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46 It really didn't have the effect that the Board had
47 intended. They meant to let the local people hunt with
48 firearms, yet a lot of people from Ft. Greeley were now coming

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up there, and we've struggled to try and correct the regulations to allow for the local people to do this, but not to make it a hunt for people outside of the area. So what this proposal basically seeks to do is to restrict the use of firearms to only those residents that live within the highway corridor, and also Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, and Stevens Village, which are communities that aren't in the corridor, but are close by and probably would hunt that area, too, as part of their traditional area.

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10 Most of the effect of this proposal really is not in Unit 26, it's down in 24, but part of the corridor does come up into this country. This proposal will be reviewed next week by the Western Interior Regional Council. It's already been looked at by the Eastern Regional Council.

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16 The intent basically is to allow the people who traditionally hunted there to hunt there with firearms, but not to open it up to people from outside of that area. One of the things we want to make sure, as you review it, is if we've missed people that really traditionally hunted in the North Slope in the highway corridor, and we would accidentally exclude them by this proposal, we want to make sure that doesn't happen, so we would like you to tell us if there are other communities that would likely hunt there in your region. And that's pretty much the story.

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27 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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29 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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31 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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33 MR. ITTA: I know we don't have a representative from Nuiqsut here, and I'm just wondering since the people of Nuiqsut trap I know around that area, if there was some reason why they weren't included in the -- I see Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Stevens Village are in there.

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: But that would include them Unit 26, right?

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42 MR. ITTA: Right.

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44 MR. KURTH: I think

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That 26, that's the whole

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MR. REXFORD: They are in

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2 MR. KURTH: Well, they weren't proposed to be
ones that would be allowed to hunt with firearms in the
corridor area. I think if you look, you know, in the
regulations book, you could see the corridor doesn't -- well,
federal lands on the corridor stops a long way from Nuiqsut,
and I think the people who wrote this felt that they probably
didn't hunt there. You might want to look in your map, and you
can see where the yellow there stops, is as far up as the
federal lands go in the highway corridor. And if Nuiqsut
people hunt down there, then I -- it would be certainly
appropriate that we recommend they be included, but I think the
people who wrote this felt that that probably wasn't their
area. But we don't know those things for sure, and that's why
we have you helping us to review these things.

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17 MR. ITTA: Well, I just make the assumption
only because I've run into them two times, one well past the
foothills up by the corridor, and further west on to our end of
the woods by Teshepuk Lake. I know they travel extensive
distances, and I'm sure that -- myself, I'd say they'd fall
within that category. And I know they've had a lot of input
into the proper use of the Dalton Highway, et cetera, et
cetera, and they have expressed that concern from time to time.
I wished that Warren would have been here to expound on that
issue a little bit, but if possible, I'd like to include
Nuiqsut by name in the -- as one of the additional villages.

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29 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We also have a history
from Kaktovik residents going into that region. In fact, I
don't want to say the late, but former mayor of Kaktovik,
Barman Ashana expressed that he does go up into that area,
Banklin Bluffs, along the Haul Road, so they do get close to
Audhoe Bay and -- is this inside the Dalton Highway or
outside?

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37 MR. KURTH: Maybe if I could just come up a
little bit and show you the map, because one of the things
that's happened is some of the land in the highway corridor
that used to be federal land has been selected by the State
now, and so it's not part of the land we're managing, and you
can see, you know, the -- and I'll bring it around, but the
corridor runs up through, you know, here, of course, to
Audhoe, but the federal lands stops way down here see.

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46 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Yeah. Okay. Okay.

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48 MR. KURTH: Maybe show it to people.

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1 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Yeah. I understand it
2 now.

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4 MR. KURTH: The corridor comes through here,
5 and federal lands stops way down here, so this is not any
6 federal lands.

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8 MR. AVEOGANNA: I see, yeah.

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10 MR. KURTH: Yeah.

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12 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. I don't know about
13 Nuiqsut, but I don't think Harvey goes way down.

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15 MR. KURTH: Do see what I'm saying? See, and
16 this map here has actually changed. You can see that this land
17 used to show there, and a lot of that land was selected here in
18 the State's last round, so this is the correct map now. It
19 used to come up quite a bit further, but now it stops down, you
20 know, right about in that country, right. So none of this land
21 along the corridor is federal land, so

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23 MR. TAGAROOK: Okay.

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25 MR. KURTH: you know, the regulations --
26 and that's why I think that people didn't include Nuiqsut, is
27 because, you know, it's a long way, but if you

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29 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh. Okay.

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31 MR. KURTH: think that they hunt there,
32 then that would be a good thing to suggest as an addition.

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34 MR. UPICKSON: Like they say, Eskimos travel
35 extensively to hunt. They'll go anywhere to hunt.

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37 MR. KURTH: Well, that's one of the values of
38 these Councils, is we don't have to guess now. We can ask the
39 people that live in the region, and you can help us to know
40 better what actually does happen.

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42 MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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44 MR. AVEOGANNA: Does the sports hunters comes
45 around that area also? In the corridor?

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47 MR. KURTH: In the corridor for sport hunters,
48 they can hunt there, but not with firearms.

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1 MR. AVEOGANNA: Yeah, but they need to -- what
 2 our intent was to have those sports hunts come around that area
 3 where they like to camp, and they're supposed to keep -- clean
 4 the area where they stays over night, 'cause as such use, and
 5 when we harvest they come around our area, we keep our fishing
 6 camps and whatever real clean at all times, so what we harvest
 7 and we've got to -- like myself, I have to keep my caribou not
 8 close by in my house there. That's stored by my
 9 (indiscernible) and then that's the way, what we're going to
 10 use, that's something we ought to -- they ought -- you've got
 11 to take care of. So no one could get killed on account of a
 12 thing like that. That's something that -- something to
 13 reflect. We're trying to get all the restriction on our area
 14 that people that are working in the North Slope area, get the
 15 money (ph) out of it we can, maybe we should listen. That's
 16 why I was trying, we're going to have the place cleaned up all
 17 over, the people that comes through and just throws lot of
 18 things on the kackta (ph) and what not. That's on the plan,
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21 MR. ITTA: Okay. Mr. Chair?

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23 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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25 MR. ITTA: Thank you for that clarification.
 26 And with that, I would move to put Proposal 68 before the Board
 27 for a vote. And I would so move.

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29 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Okay, Edward.

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31 MR. H. BROWER: I'd second the motion.

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33 MR. REXFORD: Seconded by Harry, Junior. And
 34 further discussion? I think we're all in favor of this
 35 proposal to provide the communities as so noted within the
 36 corridor, AKP, Bettles, Stevens Village and the rest of the
 37 residents living within the corridor, with a valid
 38 justification to authorize qualified residents within at least
 39 Region Ten. Any further discussion? More questions?

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41 MR. ITTA: Call for the question on the motion.

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43 MR. REXFORD: Okay. The question's called.
 44 Am Allen Aveoganna?

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46 MR. AVEOGANNA: Ee-ee (Yes).

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48 MR. REXFORD: Yes? Harry Brower, Junior?

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1 MR. H. BROWER: Yes.
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3 MR. REXFORD: Edward Itta?
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5 MR. ITTA: Yes.
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7 MR. REXFORD: Gordon Upickson?
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9 MR. UPICKSON: Yes.
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11 MR. REXFORD: Terry Tagarook?
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13 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes.
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15 MR. REXFORD: Fenton Rexford votes yes.
16 Proposal 68 pass.
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18 MR. AVEOGANNA: You understand when I said,
19 "E-ee," yes.
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21 MR. ITTA: Thank you, BLM. He didn't hear me.
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23 MR. REXFORD: Okay.
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: One and Two.
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27 MR. REXFORD: So down to the end part here.
28 Proposal One and Two. Mike?
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30 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, Mr. Chair. Thank you. As
31 you recall, we had a discussion about same-day-airborne hunting
32 for certain furbearers at our fall meeting. As a part of the
33 proposed rule, the Federal Subsistence Board has withdrawn
34 regulations allowing for same-day-airborne hunting under a
35 hunting license for furbearers. Recently the Board of Game, in
36 fact in June, made some changes in their regulations, and
37 specifically their trapping regulations, to allow for same-day-
38 airborne taking of wolves, arctic fox, red fox, lynx and
39 coyote, if the person was over 300 feet from the aircraft at
40 the time of the taking. There's been a considerable amount of
41 discussion over these regulations, and concerns.
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43 The State of Alaska in Proposal One has basically asked
44 the Federal Subsistence Board to align federal regulations for
45 same-day-airborne taking of these five species with the State
46 regulation. We've looked at that, and have noted in our
47 conclusions that the regulation as proposed would in fact
48 provide additional subsistence hunting opportunity, and we did
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not find any compelling biological problems or social/cultural problems -- reasons for rejecting the proposal.

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3 However, there's some strong value questions remain.
 4 There's a lot of concerns that federal managers have on use of
 5 aircraft for taking animals same-day-airborne. There's
 6 potential violations of federal subsistence regulations, and
 7 other federal regulations in allowing the practice. What our
 8 staff has done is recommended that the Board review information
 9 provided by the councils and other public in coming up with the
 10 decision on how this proposal would be addressed.

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12 The only thing that I would add is that I think there's
 13 five councils have already acted on this. One council has
 14 recommended adoption off the State proposal, the other councils
 15 have recommended rejection of the State proposal, citing some
 16 concerns over customary and traditional use of aircraft for
 17 taking wildlife.

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19 And that's a very quick summary. If you have any
 20 questions regarding Proposal One, we can certainly go into
 21 greater detail on the biology and what have you.

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23 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq)

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25 MR. ITTA: No plane.

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27 MR. REXFORD: No plane.

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29 MR. ITTA: I've got no plane. I've got no
 30 airplane.

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32 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Gentlemen, we have -- are
 33 these, Proposal One and Two, similar or we'll take up Proposal
 34 Two separately?

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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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38 MR. LOCKHART: Proposal is separate. We need
 39 to take it up

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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Separate.

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43 MR. LOCKHART: separately.

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45 MR. REXFORD: Okay. (In Inupiaq) I'm just
 46 summarizing your analysis in Inupiaq, Mike.

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48 MR. LOCKHART: You probably did a better job.

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1 MR. AVEOGANNA: Mr. Chairman? (In Inupiaq)
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3 MR. REXFORD: (In Inupiaq) A question was
4 narrow area residents use aircraft to catch (in Inupiaq).
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6 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)
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8 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chairman, may I ask
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10 MR. REXFORD: Edward?
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12 MR. ITTA: a question? You said one out
13 of five regions have approved this Proposal One?
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15 MR. LOCKHART: That's correct.
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17 MR. ITTA: May I ask which region that was?
18 Which?
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20 MR. LOCKHART: The Kodiak/Aleutians
21 Region,
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23 MR. ITTA: Okay.
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25 MR. LOCKHART: in which wolves are very
26 limited. They're only found in the very southern part of that,
27 in Game Management Unit 10.
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29 MR. ITTA: And our -- Where did Region Eight go
30 with this one? They shot it down, too?
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32 MR. LOCKHART: They -- yes, they wanted to
33 reject -- they voted to reject the proposal.
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35 MR. ITTA: Based on
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37 MR. TAGAROOK: Potential abuse.
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39 MR. LOCKHART: There's been a lot of
40 discussion. I can't characterize all of them, but Region
41 Eight, I think they did not believe, and maybe, Barbara, you
42 can help me, that they did not believe that it was a customary
43 and traditional practice to use an aircraft for taking these
44 animals. And some of the other -- the only other thing that I
45 can remember from the Southeast was that there was a pretty
46 extended discussion on it, and there was pretty uniform
47 agreement that it was disrespectful and -- of the animals and
48 would create some potential illegal situations and harassment.
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1 MR. ITTA: Yeah. Do we have anybody here from
2 ADF&G?

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4 MR. REXFORD: Geoff.

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6 MR. ITTA: Besides you, Geoff. I want to know
7 who wrote this proposal here and how many sports hunter were
8 behind when they decided to support this thing. But I -- (In
9 Inupiaq).

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11 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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13 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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15 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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17 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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19 MR. ITTA: I'd move to put Proposal One before the

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21 MR. REXFORD: Okay.

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23 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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25 MR. REXFORD: Second? Seconded by Jim Allen.

26 Any further discussion?

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28 MR. AVEOGANNA: You know, Mr. Chairman, I want
29 to know about this, because I have run into one aircraft that
30 was used, left in -- on the Kaoluk River one time when me and
31 my wife was travelling in the snow go and we found an airplane
32 landed for safety. As soon as I went back to the village, I
33 called in Anchorage for Fish and Wildlife and all that, had the
34 whoever's (in Inupiaq). FAA?

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36 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. AVEOGANNA: FAA personnels if they have
39 reported any -- under name of Ralph Mozzle. You might have
40 heard of Ralph Mozzle also. Okay. That airplane, I recognized
41 in his -- looked over outside, and it says Ralph Mozzle. So
42 that was his operations with other airplanes along with them.
43 They have to -- I was wondering if one might just go in crash
44 landing and to make sure they might have start walking. I was
45 probably worried for that, and we reported it, and make sure
46 that they know who was flying around that time. It would be
47 Ralph Mozzle's uncle or something like that. That was about
48 five years ago. Something like that. So I what I like is if

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anyone's going to fly around the areas on the federal land, that's something that they have to make a good -- as long as they got the permit, and also get the flight reservation, where they're going to go and all that so that would be the safest way. 'Cause us Eskimos are the travellers and we always know exactly who's out flying around. Just estimate where and when and all that stuff and we report them, so that's why it's something that they have to be in contact with the Fish and Wildlife, get a permit and you and your permit and whatnot, and make sure they make their flight reservation with FAA so we don't have to look all over for nothing.

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MR. REXFORD: Okay. I think based on the discussions by the staff analysis and -- that this is not a common practice, customarily, traditionally to use aircraft in our region, so I think we'll -- for the record so note that we have hearing staff analysis and report. I'll start -- further discussion?

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MR. ITTA: Call for the question on the motion?

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MR. REXFORD: The question is called. Jim Allen Aveoganna, Senior?

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MR. AVEOGANNA: Yes.

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MR. REXFORD: Harry Brower, Junior?

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MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq) No.

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MR. REXFORD: Terry Tagarook?

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MR. TAGAROOK: No.

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MR. REXFORD: Gordon Upickson?

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MR. UPICKSON: No.

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MR. REXFORD: Edward Itta?

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MR. ITTA: No.

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MR. REXFORD: Fenton Rexford votes no.

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MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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MR. REXFORD: Proposal One is, we're not in support of that, the Regional Council. Okay. Proposal Number Two, Mike?

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1 MR. LOCKHART: Yes, Mr. Chair. Thank you.
 2 Proposal Number Two is also by the Alaska Department of Fish
 3 and Game, and what they've essentially done is they've revamped
 4 a lot of their regulations recently. When the federal
 5 Subsistence program stated, again they adopted across the board
 6 this State -- existing State seasons and bag limits. The State
 7 in that interim has made some pretty substantial changes to
 8 some of their wolf hunting regulations, so proposal two by the
 9 Department is to simply request that across the board for all
 10 unit and all of Alaska that the federal regulations mirror the
 11 same hunting and trapping regulations for wolves that the State
 12 has.

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14 And essentially what that boils down to in Unit 26, the
 15 hunting season would change from -- or, I'm sorry, the season
 16 would be the same, August 10th to April 30th, but the harvest
 17 limit would go from hunting of no limit to a limit of ten, and
 18 then under the trapping regulations, the -- there still would
 19 be no limit in terms of how many wolves you could take, but the
 20 season would change from April 15th to close at April 30th. So
 21 there would be an additional 15 days tacked on to the end of
 22 the season.

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24 The -- again this is based on consistency and a hope to
 25 try to align the regulations, make law enforcement issues more
 26 efficient -- or law enforcement more efficient, and to make the
 27 regulations less confusing for the users that are out there.

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29 In our analysis, we found that there would be really no
 30 effect biologically of the proposal. We have acknowledged that
 31 historically wolves have been taken by a variety of methods,
 32 and generally for their fur or for the purpose of controlling
 33 their numbers. And we -- you know, we acknowledge that
 34 extending the season would provide an additional opportunity.

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36 Now, one of the things that the other councils that
 37 have addressed this, all of them have agreed with the proposal,
 38 and have -- I'm sorry, all of them but one have agreed with the
 39 proposal, and have adopted them across the board. Region Eight
 40 was concerned last week about the fact that we have hunting and
 41 trapping seasons and harvest limits identified here. They were
 42 very concerned about the hunting season opening on August 10th,
 43 and they considered that to be wasteful, because it would allow
 44 taking wolves during a period when the pelts were not prime.
 45 they recommended for their unit, Unit 23, that the
 46 regulation be amended for hunting and trapping seasons so that
 47 it would run from November 10th to March 31st. And that is
 48 really the only change that a council has recommended at this

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2 The other thing that it's worth noting is that the
 3 practical effect of this is that unless the Federal Subsistence
 4 Board would take action to restrict activities under a trapping
 5 and hunting license on federal public lands, somebody who would
 6 obtain a trapping license, or a hunting license, could hunt or
 7 trap under the State regulations on federal public lands. We
 8 have none that are closed at this point in time for the taking
 9 of wolves. It would affect -- well, I'm not sure, I guess it
 10 really doesn't affect any of the federal public lands. So with
 11 that, I'll take questions.

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13 MR. AVEOGANNA: Mr. Chairman?

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15 MR. REXFORD: Jim?

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17 MR. AVEOGANNA: As to having a hunting license
 18 really important for us hunters in Alaska, 'cause tier two
 19 some of these -- well, both federal and state, they don't --
 20 they've got the issuing the license, hunting license for the
 21 people that need -- they need to have that on hand at all times
 22 it gives you directions and whatnot on your hunting license,
 23 once you've got it, and then that way you can survive. If
 24 someone's there, you have to show something at all times.
 25 Which gives us some -- even the ladies (ph) or anybody that
 26 doesn't have a hunting license or something like that, they'd
 27 shoot anything. That's not right. They've got to get -- be
 28 aware on their having a hunting license.

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30 Now, another question. On the State that we do have a
 31 license for age over 65, that says you've got a permanent
 32 hunting license, right? That's legal?

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34 MR. LOCKHART: I'm sorry? Right.

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36 MR. AVEOGANNA: Statewide.

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38 MR. LOCKHART: The state license

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40 MR. AVEOGANNA: You've got to be over 60
 41 anyway. Is that the same way with the federal?

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43 MR. LOCKHART: The state license require- -- I
 44 can, you have to have a state license to hunt on federal
 45 lands.

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47 MR. AVEOGANNA: Right. I do have that. So
 48 similar with the federal also?

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1 MR. LOCKHART: Right.
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3 MR. AVEOGANNA: Okay.
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5 MR. LOCKHART: Maybe I'm not understanding what
6 you're saying, maybe I -- what you're saying is the older, the
7 license
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9 MR. AVEOGANNA: Right. 'Cause I used to buy my
10 license every time, but once I went over 60, I got a
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12 MR. LOCKHART: Oh, no, I'm sorry. You do not
13 anything that you were legal to do under the state licensing
14 system,
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16 MR. AVEOGANNA: Uh-huh.
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18 MR. LOCKHART: you would be legal to do
19 under the federal program.
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21 MR. AVEOGANNA: Okay.
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23 MR. LOCKHART: So you don't need a state
24 license.
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26 MR. AVEOGANNA: All right.
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28 MR. LOCKHART: Sorry.
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30 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We'll
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32 MR. LOCKHART: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, Barb just
33 left me a note as the amendment for the change for -- that
34 Region Eight had, I have written down here November 10th. Did
35 say November 1st?
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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You said November 10. I
38 thought they said from November 1st to March 31st, including
39 just when the fur is prime, and then just right for trapping.
40 That's the date they were given within the North Slope.
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42 MR. LOCKHART: Okay. I may have it down wrong,
43 but that's fine. It's -- we don't have the transcripts yet
44 either, but just be aware that they took an action to try to --
45 they wanted -- they suggested that the Board try to limit the
46 opportunity for taking to that period when its pelt primeness,
47 and we'll look at the dates. I'm not really sure what they
48 said. I had down November 10th to March 31st. Do you remember?
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1 COURT REPORTER: I thought it was November 10th
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, okay.
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5 MR. LOCKHART: Do you remember, Steve?
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7 MR. ULVI: I thought they shortened the spring.
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9 MR. LOCKHART: Yeah, but how about the November
10 10th or November 1st?
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12 MR. ULVI: No, I don't recall that.
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14 MR. LOCKHART: Okay. Okay.
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16 MR. AVEOGANNA: I've got another question here.
17 On these hunting and trapping also, on hunting, no problem,
18 but on the trapping on District 26, that's us, no limit, and
19 open season with November 1st to April 15th. November 1st is
20 too early for me, 'cause the pelts aren't any good at all in
21 November. So we could shoot them if they're good, but --
22 before our open season, but this November 1st is too early for
23 all -- what pelts you get, you harvest on the trapping. The
24 furs are still no good, and that's too early for starting to
25 setting them in winter prime.
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27 MR. LOCKHART: So you're saying November 10th
28 would be better or?
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30 MR. AVEOGANNA: November -- December 1st is
31 better instead of November, to me anyway, because I handle a
32 lot of pelts myself in these years.
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34 MR. REXFORD: December.
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36 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq) just for trapping.
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Hunting.
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40 MR. REXFORD: Barbara?
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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's another -- there's
43 another option that you can have here. You can leave it as is,
44 because the hunters, even the trappers know when the pelt is
45 prime. And then I don't think there would be any waste --
46 wasting and shooting the wolves. But I don't know how you feel
47 about that.
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MR. AVEOGANNA: And -- excuse me, on this closing season, when -- April 15th is good. Because by -- after March, that's what we trap and all of this that has any young ones, too, the females.

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5 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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7 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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9 MR. ITTA: Is this just in regards to wolf?

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11 MR. LOCKHART: Just wolf, yes.

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13 MR. UPICKSON: (In Inupiaq)

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15 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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17 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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19 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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21 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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23 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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25 MR. TAGAROOK: (In Inupiaq)

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27 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq)

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29 MR. TAGAROOK: For safety purposes.

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31 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)

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33 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Okay. Yeah, we -- in summary, we're leaning towards the new proposal, and we're going to change in our particular Unit 26, the hunting, we'll change that date. We would in essence -- we were -- out there camping, we -- provide for safety, and also not breaking the rules if a wolf happened to come along in October -- August 30th. So rather than changing -- or amending this proposal Number Two, I think we're all leaning towards we're in the approval of the recommended proposal here. That's what we were just discussing. I'm in favor of the proposal.

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44 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq) Like Edward says.
45 In Inupiaq)

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47 MR. REXFORD: Yeah.

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1 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)
2 MR. REXFORD: Okay. What is the wish of the
3 Council? Do we put this forward for -- we need a motion. And
4 we're under discussion, is that?
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6 MR. ITTA: Motion (in Inupiaq)
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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)
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10 MR. REXFORD: Oh, okay. All right. I'm
11 getting ahead of myself.
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13 MR. AVEOGANNA: (In Inupiaq)
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15 MR. REXFORD: Uh-huh.
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17 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I have no problem
18 with the Proposal Number Two, even though it put a limit on ten
19 for hunting. If there's that many, and there's no limit in
20 trapping, so I have no problem with the making the federal regs
21 compatible with the State's on the wolf issue.
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23 MR. REXFORD: Okay.
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25 MR. UPICKSON: I move that we act on Proposal
26 Number Two, to
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28 MR. REXFORD: Okay.
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30 MR. ITTA: I'll second.
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32 MR. TAGAROOK: I have one question,
33 Mr. Chairman.
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35 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Second.
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37 MR. TAGAROOK: On that harvest limit in
38 hunting, is that ten per person?
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40 MR. LOCKHART: Yes.
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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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44 MR. TAGAROOK: Then no problem.
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46 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Any further discussion on
47 Proposal
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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiaq)
2 MR. REXFORD: Edward.
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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Edward?
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6 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh.
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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, okay.
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10 MR. ITTA: The question's called for.
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12 MR. REXFORD: The question's called. Terry
13 Tagarook?
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15 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes.
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17 MR. REXFORD: Gordon Upickson?
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19 MR. UPICKSON: Yes.
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21 MR. REXFORD: Edward Itta?
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23 MR ITTA: Yes.
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25 MR. REXFORD: Harry Brower, Junior?
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27 MR. H. BROWER: Yes.
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29 MR. REXFORD: Jim Allen Aveoganna, Senior?
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31 MR. AVEOGANNA: Yes.
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33 MR. REXFORD: And Fenton Rexford votes yes.
34 Okay. That concludes our items under 7E.
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36 We have one small item under F, have to discuss some
37 customary and traditional issues. I know this is a very
38 important matter, and we need to make some determinations on
39 several species within our region, and I know not only in our
40 region, but to coordinate with other regions within the State.
41 I think it behooves us to make any decisions at this time on
42 the customary and traditional issues until such a time. I
43 think we were planning to meet in Anchorage with our fellow
44 chairmen of the other nine regions in Alaska, possibly with
45 also the vice chairmen to discuss this very issue.
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47 We've written -- I've written a letter commenting on a
48 recent proposal, primarily the Kenai Peninsula area.
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1 MR. H. BROWER: (In Inupiaq)

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3 MR. REXFORD: Customary and traditional issues,
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6 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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8 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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10 MR. ITTA: In regards to that subject here, and
11 refer to your letter dated February 9th, I know since I got
12 this thing, after I was in that teleconference with our fellow
13 regions on this whole issue, and the desired result I think has
14 been accomplished, which was a letter from you on behalf of our
15 region asking for more time and whatnot here before we comment
16 on this thing. And I think what's before the Board here is to
17 digest that draft information. And my question would be has
18 that delay been granted? I know there's a sequence of events
19 that's got to happen, and then those three alternatives will go
20 before -- be put into the Federal Register. I want to know was
21 there a postponement, or do -- are we going to have some time,
22 or does it matter? I mean, it matters to us, but are we too
23 late? Was the request -- permission given to

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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's been postponed, but we
26 don't have a new scheduled established yet. It has been
27 postponed.

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29 MR. ITTA: Okay. So we're okay for right now?

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31 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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33 MR. ITTA: And then we'd be okay until the
34 regions meet in April? Can you say that?

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36 MR. KURTH: I think what I can tell you know
37 the week of March 15th our interagency staff committee, the
38 Board's direct staff, is going to get together to talk about
39 what's happened on the proposals at these meetings and get the
40 commendations to the Board. And what we've obligated
41 ourselves to do is to try and get for them all the councils
42 comments on this Kenai C and T, because we've postponed it, but
43 what we want to see is, well, what have all the councils said?
44 So on that week that we meet of March 15th, we'll talk with
45 the staff committee and try to come up with a new schedule and
46 then get back to you. So nothing will happen before the April
47 Board meeting, and at that time I suspect we'll report to all
48 the chairs on what the status is.

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1 MR. ITTA: Okay. Well, let

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3 MR. KURTH: So it's slowed down right
4 now, because we've got a lot of concerns, but until, you know,
5 we get done with all the council meetings, we probably won't
6 reset the schedule.

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8 MR. ITTA: (In Inupiaq) What are our real
9 concerns, and then I'm saying -- I'm just kind of summarizing
10 here in Inupiaq, too, but then what I'm hearing from you is
11 that nothing's going to happen until the Federal Board meeting
12 in April?

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14 MR. KRUTH: Yeah. It's not on the Board's
15 agenda for its April meeting. Nothing will -- the Board won't
16 make a decision though before that time.

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18 MR. ITTA: Okay. (In Inupiaq)

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20 MR. REXFORD: Okay. We've heard a brief
21 discussion on C and T. I think we're going to wait at this
22 time on this important issue which affects not only Kenai area
23 but also the rulings if possible could impact our region by our
24 working on the Kenai area, so that is all I have for customary
25 and traditional issues at this time. And if there's any
26 further discussions on that matter, we'll go on further to our
27 agenda. If there are no other comments on that portion?

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29 MR. ITTA: Where are you at on the agenda?

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31 MR. REXFORD: Well, we have before us other
32 business. Is there any

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34 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chairman?

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36 MR. REXFORD: other business?

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38 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh. This isn't really business
39 business, but I just wanted to make a comment in regards to the
40 April meeting where the chairs of all regional councils will be
41 expected to be down in Anchorage, and because of the way that
42 we work things here, and I know we had discussed budget here
43 initially of something -- somebody said \$100,000.00 was an
44 arbitrary number, but I remember my colleague, Mr. Upickson,
45 asking specifically about that \$100,000.00 and what was
46 intended. It was to administer the needs of the Council. And
47 I know the chairs are going to be down there, but my question
48 is that I think the vice chairs should be afforded the

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opportunity to go down there also, because very often we'll work as a team on getting our points across and whatnot, and I think that's a request that I would make on behalf of our Region Ten Council, to if vice chairs can't be accommodated in that region meeting. I know everybody's under pressure from budget cuts, or impending cuts and all this sort of stuff, but I think that I would support some efforts being made that way, to look into the budget and see if we can't be accommodated. If we can't be accommodated, then let us know so then we can raise our own funds or do whatever it is that we need to do to make sure we have good representation. Not that I have any lack of faith, but two heads work ten times better than one, as you all know, so

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14 MR. UPICKSON: Mr. Chairman, who is our
15 treasurer for our Council? We'll make

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17 (Laughter)

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19 MR. ITTA: That's why I'm speaking.

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21 MR. UPICKSON: We'll make you our treasurer.

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23 MR. REXFORD: Mike?

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25 MR. LOCKHART: Mr. Chair, that was a
26 commendation that came from our meeting last week in Kotzebue
27 well, and I committed to them that I would try to get them
28 answer very quickly. We have to discuss that initially with
29 some of the staff at the management, at our agency, and it's
30 under review right now. There are, indeed, considerable budget
31 concerns, but I think there's a pretty strong recognition that
32 the councils feel that this is very important as an opening
33 thing to try and see how people are going to do business. And
34 we're -- we'll certainly look into that and see if we can
35 accommodate it to the extent possible, and I'll certainly try
36 and get you an answer very quickly.

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38 MR. ITTA: Okay. One last item, if I may,
39 Chair?

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41 MR. REXFORD: Edward?

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43 MR. ITTA: In regards to those dates, the 10th
44 11th through the 15th of April. And generally we have a
45 two-week window on our start of our spring -- whale hunt in the
46 spring, and depending on weather conditions. That's about the
47 time when we're either making a maximum effort to get
48 everything ready, or by that time, we're out whaling. And the

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timing is kind of difficult, I know, with the whole regions and everything, but for us especially in Region Ten that's a real difficult time, especially from Barrow. Fenton doesn't have too much of a problem, although I know he comes to Barrow to hunt in the spring, too, even though he lives in Barter Island.

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6 But my point -- my point would be that the proposals that relate to our region, in Region Ten, because of that time frame, I would ask to be considered -- that they be considered on the first day of business, if we can, so we can have adequate time to do the rest of our business, if we need to. And I'd ask you to make a note of that, Mike, and see if we can't be accommodated that way. I say this, because I happen to be president of the Barrow Whaling Captains Association also, and somebody's got to be here to kind of keep everything running and moving smoothly, and I'd just appreciate that consideration.

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18 MR. LOCKHART: Sure. I think that's a very good point, and we'll certainly discuss that and try to accommodate it. We have had some initial discussions about -- again related to concerns about costs. Maybe the people who come farther, that, you know, we would address their proposals earlier so they could return as a cost-savings measure to us,

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26 MR. ITTA: Uh-huh.

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28 MR. LOCKHART: because it's a lot more expensive for you to come down and per diem and everything, and to stay there for a long time. And some other people who are close by can come back without great cost, so, you bet, we can look at that,

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34 MR. ITTA: Okay.

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36 MR. LOCKHART: and other considerations, we'll certainly entertain that and get it to the people who are decision-makers and see if we can't get an answer pretty quickly.

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41 MR. KURTH: Aren't they the first ones to ask to go first?

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44 MR. LOCKHART: I think they're the first ones to ask to go first.

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47 MR. KURTH: It always helps to be the first ones to ask to go first.

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1 MR. REXFORD: Any other

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The other concern that the
Council have brought up is their proposal analysis. They were
pretty late in getting in them, and then that they didn't have
much time to look through them to be completely ready for the
meeting here, so we can work on that.

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9 MR. LOCKHART: Right. That is a concern. I
mean, it's a concern for us, too, that again talking about the
process that we're working under right now, it's structured so
that the public comment periods occur at a time that there's
not a lot of wiggle room. And when other issues come up,
sometimes we're really hard pressed to get a lot of this
paperwork done in time, and according to our own schedules. So
we apologize for that. We certainly intend to try and do
better at getting information to you a little quicker.

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19 MR. ITTA: We've got that in black and white
now.

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22 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Any other matters before
us? Any other other business? If none, we'll move on to Item
Nine it looks like. We've briefly discussed our correspondence
regarding C and T. We've discussed correspondence from George
Amaogak earlier in the meeting. Any other correspondence,
Barbara? Any

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, not that I have any. I
don't have any right now.

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32 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Any other correspondence?

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34 MR. H. BROWER: No.

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36 MR. REXFORD: None?

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38 MR. ITTA: Mr. Chair?

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40 MR. REXFORD: Number nine.

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42 MR. ITTA: Move to adjourn.

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44 MR. REXFORD: Move to adjourn. All

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46 MR. UPICKSON: I'll second it.

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48 MR. REXFORD: Seconded. All those in favor of

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MR. REXFORD: Those opposed? Thank you very
much everyone.

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 2 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 3) ss.
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6 I, Meredith L. Downing, Notary Public in and for the
 7 State of Alaska and Reporter for R & R Court Reporters, Inc.,
 8 do hereby certify:
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10 THAT the foregoing pages numbered 02 through 145
 11 contain a full, true and correct Transcript of the North Slope
 12 Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting taken
 13 electronically by me on the 23rd day of February, 1994,
 14 beginning at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the Dr. Albert
 15 Conference Room, UIC/NARL, Barrow, Alaska;
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17 THAT the transcript is a true and correct transcript
 18 requested to be transcribed and thereafter transcribed by me
 19 to the best of my knowledge and ability;
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21 THAT I am not an employee, attorney, or party
 22 interested in any way in this action.
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24 DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 27th day of February,
 25 1994.
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